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Fast Track Amendments to the Public Participation Guidelines

I have reviewed the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians fast track amendments to their Regulations. In my view, as counsel to the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians, the Board may promulgate these regulations pursuant to §2.2-4007.2 of the Code of Virginia. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect. This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.