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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Travis Hill  
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**From:** James M. Flaherty  
Assistant Attorney General

**Date:** January 26, 2018

**Subject:** Letter of Assurance for Amended Regulations – Amendment to Discovery, prehearing procedures and production at hearings; definitions found at 3VAC5-10-400

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I have reviewed the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority's proposed Amendment to Discovery, prehearing procedures and production at hearings; definitions found at 3VAC5-10-400 that was posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall on January 25, 2018. In my view, as counsel to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to Title 4.2 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. The regulations also appear to qualify for the fast-track rulemaking process under § 2.2-4012.1 of the Code of Virginia because they are noncontroversial.

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.