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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 10, 2021

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing*
18 VAC 90-19-10, *et seq.*

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing*, 18 VAC 90-19-10, *et seq.* The proposed amendments repeal provisions regarding regulation of clinical nurse specialists. The proposed amendments are exempt from the operation of the Virginia Administrative Process Act and review by the Executive Branch in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a), which provides an exemption for regulations “[n]ecessary to conform to changes in Virginia statutory law or the appropriation act where no agency discretion is involved.” Va. Code § 2.2-4006(A)(4)(a). The changes are necessary to conform to Chapter 157 of the 2021 Acts of Assembly. The Board of Nursing has the statutory authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.