

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Office of the Attorney General

William C. Mims Attorney General 900 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219 804 - 786-2071 FAX 804-786-1991 Virginia Relay Services 800-828-1120

March 30, 2009

Jay P. Douglas Executive Director Virginia Board of Nursing 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300 Richmond. VA 23233-1463

RE: 18VAC90-20-10 et seq., Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing

Dear Ms. Douglas:

I have reviewed the proposed fast-track action on 18VAC90-20-10 et seq. in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. The amendments to allow licensure by endorsement for applicants with experience whose nursing education program does not meet Virginia's requirements for supervised clinical hours are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions.

Sincerely,

Senior Assistant Attorney General

c: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions