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MEMORANDUM

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From: Justin I. Bell
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Date: December 27, 2023

Subject: Letter of Assurance for the Regulations for the Inspection of Pet Shops Selling Dogs or Cats, 2 VAC 5-105

I have reviewed the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services's (the Board) proposed regulations, Regulations for the Inspection of Pet Shops Selling Dogs or Cats at 2 VAC 5-105. In my view as counsel, the Board may promulgate these regulations according to § 3.2-6501.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. This regulatory action is part of the Board's statutory duty as laid out in § 3.2-6501.1 of the *Code of Virginia* and Chapter 1284 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly.

The regulatory action does not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor does it 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 this regulatory action.