

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

From: William A. Diamond

Assistant Attorney General

Date: November 22, 2004

Subject: Statement of Legal Authority to Amend Land Use General Regulations; 2 VAC 5-20

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the above-referenced regulations of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

In my view as counsel to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Commissioner may promulgate these regulations under the authority granted to him under §§ 3.1-8, 58.1-3230 and 58.1-3240 of the Code of Virginia. The proposed regulations do not conflict with state or federal law.