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MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Fleury, Chairman

Board for Housing and Community Development Department of Housing and Community Development

Stephen Calhoun, Secretary

Board for Housing and Community Development Department of Housing and Community Development

From: Steven P. Jack

Assistant Attorney General

Date: August 20, 2009

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Amendments to Fire Prevention Code Regulations.

I have reviewed the Board for Housing and Community Development's proposed amendments to the Fire Prevention Code Regulations, 13 VAC 5-51-10 *et seq.*, that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Internet site on August 18, 2009. In my view, as counsel to the Board for Housing and Community Development, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to § 27 – 97 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.

Further, adoption of the amendments to these regulations may be done pursuant to an exempt action, in accordance with $\S 2.2 - 4006(A)(13)$ of the *Code of Virginia*, provided the Board follows the alternative procedures required in that section of the *Code of Virginia*.

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.