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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	<u>18 VAC120-50</u>
VAC Chapter title(s)	Regulations Governing Natural Gas Automobile Mechanics and Technicians
Action title	Repeal Regulations
Final agency action date	May 19, 2020
Date this document prepared	June 4, 2020

Although a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. However, the agency may still be required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1VAC7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation seeks to repeal regulations for this regulatory program.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

Chapter 1168 of the 2020 Acts of the General Assembly repealed Chapter 23.4 (54.1-2355 through 54.1-2358) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. By repealing this Chapter the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation will no longer have the authority to regulate Natural Gas Automobile Mechanics and Technicians, which makes these regulations obsolete. As the Department has no discretion but to sunset the program, this is being done by an exempt action.

Statement of Final Agency Action

Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.

On May 19, 2020, the Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation directed that, in accordance with Chapter 1168 of the 2020 Acts of the General Assembly, that the Regulations Governing Natural Gas Automobile Mechanics and Technicians be repealed.