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## MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Integrated Directional Signing Program (IDSP) Participation  
Criteria, 24 VAC 30-551

In my capacity as legal counsel for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board, it is my legal opinion that Integrated Directional Signing Program (IDSP) Participation Criteria does not appear, on its face, to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor does it appear to conflict with federal or state law currently in effect.

Virginia Code § 33.2-210 provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board has the power and duty to make regulations that are not in conflict with the laws of the Commonwealth for the protection of and covering traffic on and for the use of systems of state highways and shall have the authority to add to, amend, or repeal such regulations. Further, Virginia Code § 33.2-1220 authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to issue regulations and to enter into agreements with the United States as provided in 23 U.S.C. § 131 with respect to the regulation and control of signs, advertisements, and advertising structures in conformity with § 33.2-1217. Further, Virginia Code § 33.2-218 authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish reasonable fees to be collected by the Commissioner of Highways from any qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the IDSP administered by the Department or its agents that is designed to provide information to the motoring public relating to gasoline

and motor vehicle services, food, lodging, attractions, or other categories as defined by the IDSP.

Further, Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4002(B)(11) and 2.2-4006(A)(1) state that this regulatory action is exempt from the Administrative Process Act. This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.