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MEMORANDUM

TO: David E. Brown, D.C.
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FROM: M. Brent Saunders
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DATE: July 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Certification of
Surgical Technologists
18VAC85-160

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Certification of Surgical Technologists (18VAC85-160), as adopted by the Board of Medicine on June 4, 2026. The Board has the authority to adopt these amendments as an exempt regulatory action pursuant to Va. Code § 54.1-2400 and Chapters 561 and 553 of the 2025 Acts of Assembly. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.