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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Arne W. Owens  
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**FROM:** James E. Rutkowski  
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**DATE:** August 25, 2023

**SUBJECT:** *Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work*  
18VAC140-20

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work*, 18VAC140-20, as adopted by the Board of Social Work on June 16, 2023. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt the amendments under Va. Code § 54.1-2400. The regulations are exempt pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-2006(A)(4)(a). The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.