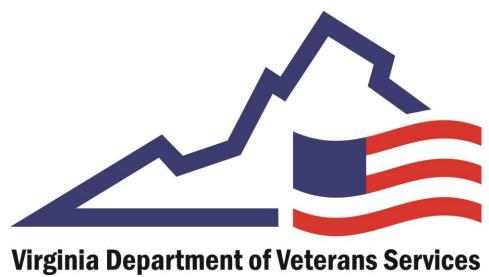
## **Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Veterans Services for State Fiscal Year 2026**







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Prepared on June 30, 2025

## **Description of Agency**

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) proudly serves veterans across the Commonwealth by connecting Virginia's veterans and their families to federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned. DVS is organized into six service delivery sections: Benefits; Veterans Education, Transition, and Employment (VETE); Virginia Veteran and Family Support Program (VVFS); Care Centers; Cemeteries; and the Virginia War Memorial.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Not available		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Change 1-VAC-80-20 and Guidance Document to conform with the change from "Exemption		
from taxes on property of surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action"		
to "Exemption from taxes on property of surviving spouses of members of the armed forces		
who died in the line of duty" as approved in the November 5, 2024 General Election and		
effective January 1, 2025.		
Brief Overview		
The voters of Virginia, in the November 5, 2024 General Election, approved a referendum to		
amend the Constitution of Virginia to change eligibility for real estate tax exemption for		
surviving spouse of members of the armed forces "killed in action" to "who died in the line of		
duty." The change was effective January 1, 2025 (Acts 2024, c. 583, cl. 3)		
DVC is weathing as a true stage agreement.		
DVS is working on a two-step process:		
1. Amend 1-VAC-80-20; then		
2. Update the "Guidelines Governing the Administration of the Veteran and Surviving		
Spouse Property Tax Exemptions" document, which is published on Virginia Regulatory Town Hall		
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA
Stage	⊠ Proposed	☐ Revised Proposed
(check one box)	☐ Final	☐ Fast-Track
Additional		□ Guidance Document
Description	⊠ Expedited Review Requested  11 VAC 80.20	△ Guidance Document
Description	(1-VAC-80-20)	
	☐ Exempt Action	
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute	☐ Discretionary Action
	□ Action required by state statute	
Deregulatory	In conjunction with updating the "Guidelines Governing the	
Component	Administration of the Veteran and Surviving Spouse Property Tax	
	Exemptions" document to reflect the change form "Killed in Action" to	
	"Died in the Line of Duty," DVS will formally implement the reduction	
	(from 98 pages to 54 pages) in the length of the guidance document.	
Expected Date	October 2025	