

Using the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall to Review Proposed Changes to Virginia's Regulations

For Cabinet Secretaries

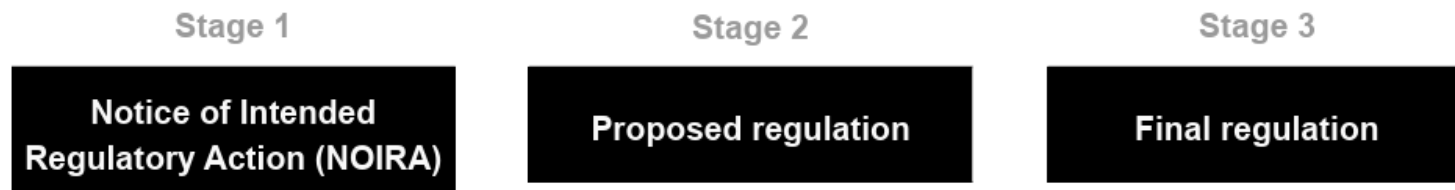
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What is regulatory review?

- Process determined by the Administrative Process Act (APA) and each Governor's Executive Order (EO) on Rulemaking
- Requires approval of a regulatory proposal by OAG, DPB, relevant Cabinet Secretary, and Governor
- Designed to ensure regulations reflect good government principles
 - Clearly written and easily understandable
 - Most efficient and cost-effective way of achieving the intended objective

What are regulatory actions and stages?

- **Actions.** Regulations are promulgated, amended, or repealed thorough a regulatory “action.”
- **Stages.** Actions consist of one or more “stages.”
 - Vehicle used to move an action from start to finish.
 - Subject to Executive Branch Review (including the relevant Secretary) before publication in the *Virginia Register of Regulations* and open for comment.



Types of regulatory actions and their stages

- Fast-Track: “expected to be noncontroversial” (one stage)
 - Determined by DPB initially, then Governor
 - 10 or more objections by public or 1 legislator leads to standard action
- Emergency: takes effect immediately (one stage)
 - Is temporary (18-24 months)
 - Can be made permanent via standard action
- Standard: default process (3 stages)
 - Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA)
 - Proposed
 - Final
- Exempt 🇪 : Not subject to Executive Branch Review



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What is this site?

A source of information about proposed changes to Virginia's regulations, including a meetings calendar and board minutes. This site, managed by the [Virginia Department of Planning and Budget](#), also facilitates public participation through online comment forums and an email notification service.

Public comment forums

- [39 open comment forums, 3 of which have some comments, 23 opened in the last 21 days](#)
- [45 comment forums closed within the last 21 days, 11 of which have some comments](#)

Recent Activity

- [15 regulatory changes published in the most recent Virginia Register \(2/9/2026\)](#)
- [17 regulatory changes scheduled to be published in future issues of the Virginia Register](#)
- [6 board meetings scheduled for today](#)
- [88 regulatory changes became effective in the last 90 days](#)
- [59 regulatory stages approved by the Governor in the last 90 days](#)
- [184 periodic reviews of regulations in progress](#)
- [109 proposed and final stages under way](#)

About Virginia's regulatory process

[Regulatory forms and templates](#) *Updated December 2023*

Email notification service

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Reviewing a Stage - Documents

Documents (slides to follow)

- Regulatory Text
 - Agency Background Document (aka Town Hall Form)
 - OAG Certification letter
 - Economic Impact Analysis (proposed & fast-track only)
 - Agency Response to an EIA
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- DPB Policy Analysis – Governor’s Confidential Working Papers – Please do not share without Governor’s consent

[Action:](#) Amend DNR Regulations Following Periodic Review 2022

[Stage:](#) Fast-Track

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12VAC5-66-10 Definitions

The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

~~"Agent" means an adult appointed by the declarant under an advance directive, executed or made in accordance with the provisions of § 54.1-2983 of the Code of Virginia to make health care decisions for him.~~

"Alternate Durable DNR jewelry" means a Durable DNR bracelet or necklace issued by a ~~vendor~~ seller approved by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services. ~~A Durable DNR Order must be obtained by the patient, from a physician, to obtain Alternate Durable DNR jewelry.~~

"Board" means the State Board of Health.

"Cardiac arrest" means the cessation of a functional heartbeat.

"Commissioner" means the State Health Commissioner.

"CPR" or "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" shall include cardiac compression, endotracheal intubation and other advanced airway management, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, administration of cardiac resuscitative medications, and related procedures.

"Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order" or "Durable DNR Order" means a written physician's order issued pursuant to § 54.1-2987.1 of the Code of Virginia in a Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order form ~~or forms~~ authorized by the board, to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation from an individual in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest. For purposes of this chapter, ~~cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall include cardiac compression, endotracheal intubation and other advanced airway management, artificial ventilation, defibrillation, administration of cardiac resuscitative medications, and related procedures.~~ ~~As the terms "advance directive" and "Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order" are used in this article, a Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order or other Other DNR Order is not and shall not be construed as an advance directive. When used in these regulations this chapter,~~ the term "Durable DNR Order" shall include any authorized Alternate Durable DNR jewelry issued in conjunction with an original Durable DNR Order. "Durable DNR Order" shall also include a physician order for scope of treatment (POST) or physician orders for life sustaining treatment (POLST) form. Durable DNR ~~orders~~ Order Forms, including POST or POLST forms, shall be ~~completed~~ filled out and signed by a ~~licensed practitioner~~ physician and signed by the patient or patient's authorized representative.

~~"Emergency Medical Services medical services" or "EMS" means the services rendered by an agency licensed by the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, an equivalent agency licensed by another state or a similar agency of the federal government when operating within this Commonwealth.~~ shall have the same meaning as in § 32.1-111.1 of the Code of Virginia.

~~"Emergency medical services agency" or "EMS agency" means any agency, licensed to engage in the business, service, or regular activity, whether or not for profit, of transporting or rendering immediate medical care to such persons who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless.~~ shall have the same meaning as in § 32.1-111.1 of the Code of Virginia.



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Fast-Track Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Health
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	12VAC5-66
VAC Chapter title(s)	Regulations Governing Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders
Action title	Amend DNR Regulations Following Periodic Review
Date this document prepared	5/15/2024

This information is required for executive branch review and the Virginia Registrar of Regulations, pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19, the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), 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 State Board of Health (Board) is proposing Fast Track amendments to the Regulations Governing Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders (12VAC5-66). These amendments seek to provide necessary updates to these regulations to better reflect current standards and practices, legal authority, and form and style requirements.



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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 18, 2025

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders*
12VAC5-66

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders, 12VAC5-66, as adopted by the State Board of Health at its meeting on June 13, 2024. The Board has the authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 32.1-12, 32.1-111.4, and 32.1-111.5. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget **Economic Impact Analysis**

1 VAC 20-90 Campaign Finance and Political Advertisements
Department of Elections
Town Hall Action/Stage: 5752 / 9529
April 26, 2024

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order 19. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of the potential economic impacts as of the date of this analysis.¹

Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

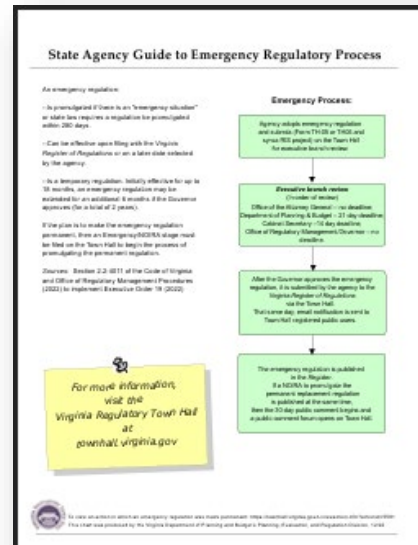
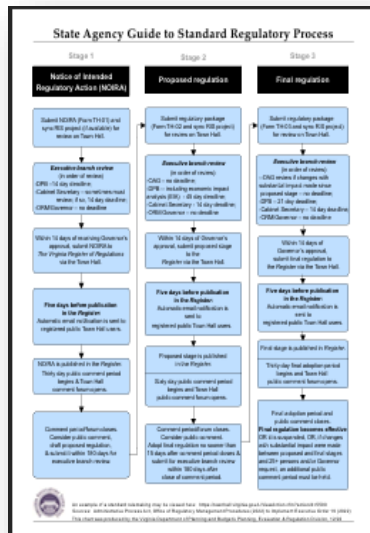
Pursuant to Chapter 557 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly,² the State Board of Elections (Board) proposes to establish disclosure standards for political campaign advertisements for statewide and local offices that are proportionate to the size of the print media.

Background

This regulation governs election campaign finances and political advertisements for the General Assembly as well as local and constitutional offices. In 2020, Chapter 557 repealed the requirement that print media disclosures be displayed in a minimum font size of seven-point and tasked the Board with establishing new standards that such disclosures be displayed instead in a font size proportionate to the size of the advertisement. According to section 24.2-955.1 of the Code, *"Print media" means billboards, cards, newspapers, newspaper inserts, magazines, printed material disseminated through the mail, pamphlets, fliers, bumper stickers, periodicals,*

Regulatory Review Aids

- Whenever a new stage is added to your pending list, you will receive an email with a link to that stage.
- One-page rulemaking flow charts are on Town Hall @ <https://townhall.virginia.gov/um/charts.cfm>



Questions, suggestions, or comments

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