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HOUSE BILL NO. 600

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 9-6.14:25 of the Code of Virginia, relating to periodic review of regulations.

Patrons—Purkey, Albo, Fisher, Hamilton, Orrock, Rollison, Wagner and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 9-6.14:25 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 9-6.14:25. Periodic review of regulations.

A. Each Governor shall mandate through executive order a procedure for periodic review during that Governor's administration of regulations of agencies within the executive branch. The procedure shall include: (i) a review by the Attorney General to ensure statutory authority for regulations; (ii) a determination by the Governor whether the regulations are necessary for the protection of public health, safety and welfare; and (iii) a determination by the Governor whether the regulations are clearly written and easily understandable.

The Governor may require each agency (i) to review all regulations promulgated by that agency to determine whether new regulations should be adopted and old regulations amended or repealed, and (ii) to prepare a written report summarizing the agency's findings about its regulations, its reasons for its findings and any proposed course of action.

B. *Each standing committee of each house of the General Assembly to which matters relating to the content of regulations are most properly referable shall meet, at least biennially, with a representative of each administrative agency that is subject to Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act (§ 9-6.14:7.1 et seq.) to discuss the legislative intent of the General Assembly regarding such agency's regulatory authority. The representative of each such administrative agency shall be appointed by that agency's director. The meetings shall be held at the call of the appropriate committee's chairman.*

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