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DGS to hold Public Hearing on Proposed Regulation Banning Firearms in Executive Branch offices

~ Public comments also can be submitted online ~

Richmond, VA – The Department of General Services (DGS) will hold a public hearing to gather comments on its proposed permanent regulation banning concealed firearms in Executive Branch offices, as provided by Executive Order 50 (McAuliffe 2015).

The public hearing will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on August 31, 2016, in the auditorium of the Pocahontas Building located at 900 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. Seating/access will be provided on a first-come basis. Anyone who wishes to speak at the public hearing must sign up at the event. Sign-up begins at 9 a.m., and speakers will be called in the order in which they signed up. There is no pre-registration. All speakers are limited to two minutes. All persons and bags are subject to search prior to entering the auditorium. No signage will be allowed.

Members of the public who either attend but are not able to speak or cannot attend the hearing can submit written comments on the Virginia Town Hall regulatory website at <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/viewchapter.cfm?chapterid=2905>. Full text of the proposed regulation can be found at that link.

An emergency regulation banning concealed firearms in Executive Branch offices took effect in December. The proposed permanent regulation would replace the emergency regulation.

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