

**Virginia Department of Labor and Industry**  
**Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH)**  
**Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board (Board)**

**Heat Illness Prevention Standard Regulatory Advisory Panel**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Heat Illness Prevention Standard Regulatory Advisory Panel is to assist the Department's VOSH program in identifying and analyzing issues associated with the development of proposed regulatory language to be considered by the Board.

**Legal Basis**

**16VAC25-11-20. Definitions.**

"Regulatory advisory panel" or "RAP" means a standing or ad hoc advisory panel of interested parties established by the agency for the purpose of assisting in regulatory actions.

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**16VAC25-11-70. Appointment of regulatory advisory panel.**

A. The agency may appoint a regulatory advisory panel (RAP) to provide professional specialization or technical assistance when the agency determines that such expertise is necessary to address a specific regulatory issue or action or when individuals indicate an interest in working with the agency on a specific regulatory issue or action.

B. Any person may request the appointment of a RAP and request to participate in its activities. The agency shall determine when a RAP shall be appointed and the composition of the RAP.

C. A RAP may be dissolved by the agency if:

1. The proposed text of the regulation is posted on the Town Hall, published in the Virginia Register, or such other time as the agency determines is appropriate; or
2. The agency determines that the regulatory action is either exempt or excluded from the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

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