Item 2 (LC) January 9, 2018

TO: VSBPE Licensure Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Deb Giles, Ron Ryan

**ITEMS FOR ACTION:** VSBPE Rule 5360 – Emergency Licenses and Endorsements

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators votes to accept the additional language to Rule 5360, Emergency Licenses and Endorsements
MOTION:
I,, move that the VSBPE accept and adopt the additional language to Rule 5360, Emergency Licenses and Endorsements.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At the October 26, and November 28, 2017 meetings, discussions were held regarding the temporary licenses and whether to add a new type of temporary license. The discussion centered around allowing a previously licensed Vermont educator-who did not plan to reinstate an endorsement/license to fulfill a vacancy when a school district/supervisory union/school could not find an appropriately licensed educator after making all reasonable efforts to do so. The decision was to remain with the two temporary licenses, but add wording to the Emergency License section to allow for this need.

## **Emergency License**

5365 An exception to Rule 5360. The Standards Board or its designee, shall issue a one year Emergency License with an endorsement to an individual on the application of a superintendent, director, headmaster of an independent school, or Career Technical Director, when the local district or independent school is unable to find an appropriately licensed and/or endorsed applicant after making all reasonable efforts to do so. The application for the Emergency License shall include an explanation of how the applicant will be mentored and supervised during the one-year period of the Emergency License by a professionally licensed Vermont educator.

- 1. <u>Emergency License for all endorsement areas</u>: Applicant held a Vermont educator license in the requested endorsement area within the last five (5) years and
  - A. Must show evidence of any required additional licenses or credentials specific to the emergency endorsement sought:
    - i. Applicants for an Emergency School Nurse or Associate School Nurse endorsement must hold a current Vermont nursing license.
    - ii. Applicants for an Emergency Educational Speech Language Pathologist endorsement must hold a current Vermont clinical SLP license.
    - iii. Applicants for an Emergency Junior ROTC Instructor endorsement must hold the Department of Defense certification as a junior ROTC instructor.
    - iv. Applicants for an Emergency Driver and Traffic Safety Education endorsement must meet the Additional Requirements for the endorsement (certified complete driving history from the DMV)
    - v. Applicants for an Emergency endorsement in human services/ personal care must hold appropriate licenses via the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation.
  - B. And has no intention of pursing the endorsement at the time of application.
- 2. <u>Emergency license for all endorsement areas except those listed in 5364:</u>
  Applicant is a currently licensed Vermont educator, but not in the requested endorsement area and
  - A. Would have been eligible to qualify for a provisional license in requested endorsement area and
  - B. Has no intention of pursing the endorsement at the time of the application.

5365.1 The Emergency License or endorsement shall be approved for the ensuing school year, at a date determined by the Agency.

5365.2 An Emergency License or endorsement shall expire on June 30 of the school year in which it was issued, shall be valid only for the assignment for which it was issued, cannot be extended for a second year, nor can an individual be issued an Emergency License for any endorsement more than once.