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31. Burglar Bars Change Date March 28, 2019 • This chapter has been revised in its entirety. a. Requirement If a property has burglar bars, at least one window per bedroom must have a quick-release mechanism, unless there is an exterior door from the bedroom providing rapid egress. b. Removal of Burglar Bars If the appraiser is not able to confirm that quick release mechanisms are in good working order, the appraiser should prepare the appraisal subject to removal of the burglar bars as a safety consideration. VA Pamphlet 26-7, Revised Chapter 12: Minimum Property Requirements 12-39

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