



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 90-20 – Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing
Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board Nursing (Board) proposes to amend its regulations so that nurses who have a license to practice in another state that is part of the multistate compact, and who are applying for licensure in Virginia, may practice in Virginia for up to 90 days while awaiting their Virginia licensure application approval.

Result of Analysis

Benefits likely outweigh costs for this proposed regulatory change.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, nurses who are licensed to practice nursing in another state that is part of the multistate compact can practice for 30 days in Virginia while they await approval of their application for Virginia licensure. The Board proposes to extend the time that licensed nurses can practice while awaiting Virginia licensure to 90 day and report that this will allow Virginia regulations to conform to the multistate compact rules. Affected nurses will benefit from this extension as it will allow them to continue earning a living if their application takes more than 30 days to process. No entity should be adversely affected by this change because it would only apply to nurses who are in good standing with the licensure board in their originating state.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Health Professions (DHP) reports that 3,355 registered nurses and 416 licensed practical nurses were licensed by endorsement in 2012. DHP estimates that about half of these individuals would be affected by these proposed regulations since almost half of states participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Localities Particularly Affected

No localities will be particularly affected by these proposed regulatory changes.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have little impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have little effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No affected small business is likely to incur costs on account of these proposed regulations.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small

businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.