



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

2 VAC 5-50 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Prevention, Control and Eradication of Brucellosis of Cattle in Virginia

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) proposes to amend its regulations that govern the prevention and control of brucellosis in cattle to clarify that reports required by these regulations can be filed electronically.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for this proposed change.

Estimated Economic Impact

Current regulations require that Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) regional staff report any instances of cattle that are diagnosed with brucellosis to VDACS' central office. Current regulations also require veterinarians, or other vaccinating entities, to report all brucellosis vaccinations of calves to the state veterinarian. Although these regulations are currently silent on how disease and vaccination reports must be filed, and no instances of this disease have had to be reported in the state in several years, the state veterinarian does currently accept electronically filed reports for vaccinations.

The Board proposes to update these regulations so that electronic filing is explicitly allowed. Because electronic reports are already accepted, neither VDACS nor the state veterinarian is likely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory change. Interested individuals who may not have known that reports could be filed electronically will benefit from the clarity that the proposed language will add to these regulations.

Businesses and Entities Affected

This proposed regulatory change will affect all veterinarians who vaccinate calves against brucellosis as well as VDACS regional staff. VDACS reports that there are 2345 veterinarians who currently hold active licenses issued by the Commonwealth.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no affect 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 36 (06). 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.