



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

2 VAC 5-180 – Rules and Regulations Governing Pseudorabies 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 pseudorabies eradication to update a document incorporated by reference and to clarify that required documents can be filed electronically.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for these proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, Board regulations that govern pseudorabies policy and procedures reference the “Cooperative State-Federal-Industry Pseudorabies Eradication Program Standards” but do not specify which version of these standards are to be incorporated. Additionally, these regulations currently require swine dealers to register with the state veterinarian. Although registration requirements are currently silent on how registration applications must be filed, the state veterinarian does currently accept electronically filed forms.

The Board proposes to update these regulations so that electronic filing is explicitly allowed and to specify that the standards incorporated are those dating from November, 2003. Because electronic applications are already accepted, neither the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (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 applications could be filed electronically will benefit from the clarity that the proposed language will add to these regulations. Additionally, interested individuals who may not have known

which version of the “Cooperative State-Federal-Industry Pseudorabies Eradication Program Standards” was incorporated will benefit from having dates added to these regulations.

Businesses and Entities Affected

VDACS reports that there are currently 458 livestock dealers, 855 swine producers, 31 livestock markets and 20 swine slaughter facilities in the Commonwealth. All of these entities are affected by these regulatory changes.

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 not affect 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.