



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 85 - 120 – Regulations Governing the Licensure of Athletic Trainers
Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Medicine (Board) proposes to no longer require that applicants for athletic trainer licensure submit: 1) evidence of meeting the education requirement by way of a transcript and 2) documentation of passage of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (NATABOC) entry level examination.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The current regulations effectively require that athletic trainer licensure applicants submit information including: 1) evidence of meeting the education requirement by way of a transcript (section 60), and 2) documentation of passage of the NATABOC entry level examination (section 70). In addition, section 50 of these regulations requires that "An applicant for licensure shall submit evidence of meeting the following requirements for licensure on forms provided by the board: ... 3. Evidence of current NATABOC certification." The NATABOC education requirements for certification are the same as the education requirements currently stated in these regulations for licensure. Also, NATABOC certification requires passage of the entry level examination. Thus, the currently required education transcript and documentation of passage of the NATABOC entry level examination provides no additional information beyond that provided by the also required evidence of NATABOC certification. Consequently, the Board's proposal to no longer require that applicants for athletic trainer licensure submit evidence of meeting the education requirement by way of a transcript and documentation of passage of the NATABOC

examination will create a net benefit by saving applicants the time and cost associated with obtaining and sending these documents, while not changing the actual required qualifications for licensure.

Businesses and Entities Affected

There are currently 1210 athletic trainers licensed in the Commonwealth. The proposed amendments would affect future applicants for licensure. According to the Department of Health Professions, most licensed athletic trainers work for universities, school systems or other athletic-centered organizations.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendment does not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendment is unlikely to significantly affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposal to no longer require that applicants for athletic trainer licensure submit evidence of meeting the education requirement by way of a transcript and documentation of passage of the NATABOC examination will moderately reduce costs for the applicants by saving the time and postage associated with obtaining and sending these documents.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments do not increase costs for small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments do not affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact

analyses include, but need not be limited to, a determination of the public benefit, 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 an adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 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.