



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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### **18 VAC 112-10 – Public Participation Guidelines**

#### **Department of Health Professions – Board of Physical Therapy**

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G 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. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

The proposed regulation establishes procedures for notifying the public concerning opportunities for participation in the development and review of regulations promulgated by the Board of Physical Therapy. These permanent regulations will replace emergency regulations that have been in place since the Board was created by the General Assembly in 2000.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

This regulation sets forth procedures for soliciting public input in the regulatory decision making process of the Board of Physical Therapy. In addition to traditional paper submissions and lists, the proposed regulation also permits notification and comment by facsimile, email, or other electronic means, and allows electronic mailing lists to be maintained. If electronic notification and comment becomes more prevalent, there could be a reduction in printing and mailing costs incurred by the Board. In addition to the potential fiscal benefits, these provisions also allow the Board to increase the speed of notification and the amount of information readily

available to interested parties, which will increase efficiency and may enhance public participation.

The economic value of public participation is difficult to measure. However, the decision making process is improved if individuals, especially those who will be affected by the decision, are allowed to have input. The benefits, although small, should outweigh the cost of providing the forum for public participation.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed regulation could potentially affect any individual interested in the regulatory actions of the Board of Physical Therapy. There are currently 184 entities listed on the mailing list for this board.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed regulation will not affect any particular localities as it applies statewide.

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed regulation is not expected to have any impact on employment in Virginia.

### **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed regulation is not expected to have any effects on the use and value of private property in Virginia.