



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

12 VAC 5-40; 31 –Virginia Emergency Services Regulations
Virginia Department of Health
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Summary of the Proposed Regulation

The proposed regulations will update the financial assistance requirements to reflect the practices that have been followed since the beginning of 1990s. The proposed regulations will also establish regulations to reflect the current practices followed regarding Regional Emergency Services Councils.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

One set of the proposed changes will update the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund requirements to reflect the practices followed since early 1990s. The language regarding Emergency Medical Services financial assistance matters has not been updated for approximately 16 years. According to Virginia Department of Health, the proposed changes will simply update the regulations to reflect the rules currently followed in practice. Thus, no significant economic effect is expected upon promulgation of the proposed financial assistance regulations. However, amending the regulations to be consistent with the procedures followed in practice may produce net benefits in terms of potential confusion and liability avoided.

The second set of proposed changes will establish the rules for the Regional Emergency Services Councils. Similarly, all of the proposed regulations simply reflect the procedures followed in practice and are not expected to create any significant economic effects. However, clear and consistent rules may help avoid potential confusion, help improve consistency across the Commonwealth, and help improve enforceability of the rules.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed regulations apply to 718 licensed Emergency Medical Services agencies and 33,000 Emergency Medical Services personnel.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed regulations are not expected to create any significant effect on employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed regulations are not expected to create any significant effect on the use and value of private property.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed regulations are not likely to create any costs or other affects on small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed regulations are not likely to adversely affect small businesses.

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 21 (02). 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.