

Agency Response to Economic Impact Analysis

The Lottery Department concurs with the economic impact analysis prepared by the Department of Planning and Budget. However, the Lottery wishes to make the following comments:

As noted in the analysis, several requirements have been removed from regulations and will be contained in retailer manuals, which are provided to each licensed lottery retailer. This allows the department to respond more promptly to changing business conditions.

The Lottery has several established methods of soliciting public participation from its retailers. Several years ago, the Lottery formed a Retailer Advisory Group, comprised of representative retailers from across the state. Additionally, the Lottery conducts retailer forums in all regions of the state every year. Also, lottery sales employees visit every retailer at least twice monthly and relay all retailer concerns to Lottery management. Likewise, the Lottery has significant contact with players and citizens in general. Comments regarding any Lottery activities or policies can be sent to the Lottery's public affairs office or emailed to the Lottery's web site.

These proposed changes affect in no way any locality in Virginia. They apply solely to lottery retailers and players. These proposed changes have no effect on employment or the use or value of private property.