



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 150-20 – Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine
Board of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Veterinary Medicine proposes to specify the drug destruction procedures in the regulations instead of requiring compliance with the drug destruction instructions contained in the packet available from the board office which provides the latest U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration approved drug destruction guidelines.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Current regulations require destruction of schedule II, III, IV, and V drugs according to the drug destruction instructions contained in the packet available from the board office which provides the latest U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) approved drug destruction guidelines. However, DEA no longer has a drug destruction packet. Thus, the proposed regulations spell out the drug destruction procedures in the regulations.

The proposed procedures are the same as the guidelines established by DEA which include transferring drugs to an authorized reverse distributor, destroying by incineration that meets local state, and federal requirements, and completing a drug destruction form. Since the proposed requirements are the same as current requirements followed in practice, no significant economic effect is expected other than improving the clarity of the regulations.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed regulations apply to 709 full service veterinary facilities and 240 restricted service veterinary facilities.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

Projected Impact on Employment

No impact on employment is expected.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

No impact on the use and value of private property is expected.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Although most of the 709 full service veterinary facilities and 240 restricted service veterinary facilities are believed to be small businesses, proposed regulations are not expected to have any significant costs or other effects on small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No adverse impact on small businesses is expected.

Real Estate Development Costs

No effect on real estate development costs is expected.

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 107 (09). 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.