



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 50-22 – Board of Contractors Regulations
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Contractors (Board) proposes to add four occupational definitions to its definitions of specialty services.

Result of Analysis

There is insufficient information to ascertain whether benefits will likely exceed costs for these proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The Board of Contractors Regulations include a list of defined specialty services which contractors may be certified to provide. The Board now proposes to add four new specialty definitions to this list. Specifically, the Board proposes to add accessibility services contracting (ASC), accessibility services contracting – limited use limited application (ASL), industrialized building contracting (IBC) and manufactured home contracting (MHC) to the list of specialty services.

Board staff reports that the definitions for manufactured home contracting (MHC) and industrialized building contracting (IBC) are being added so that these regulations conform to Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirements and that ASC and ASL are being added so that contractors can work on wheelchair lifts, incline chairlifts and dumbwaiters in private homes without getting a more comprehensive elevator/escalator specialty. Board staff also reports that regulatory changes to flesh out the rights and responsibilities that will fall to contractors that work in these new specialties are being promulgated separately in another regulatory action that will follow. It will likely be more

possible to measure the costs and benefits of adding these specialties in that regulatory action than it is in this one.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) reports that the Board currently licenses 117 elevator/escalator contractors and 958 modular/manufactured home contractors.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

There is insufficient information to measure the impact that this regulatory action will have on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

There is insufficient information to measure the impact that this regulatory action will likely have on small businesses in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

There is insufficient information to measure the impact that this regulatory action will likely have on small businesses in the Commonwealth.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

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 36 (06). 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.