



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

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### **19 VAC 30-150– Regulations Relating to Standards and Specifications for Overdimensional Warning Lights Department of State Police June 21, 2000**

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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**

These regulations establish standards and specifications for warning lights used in the escorting or towing of overdimensional materials, equipment, boats, or manufactured housing units by authority of a highway hauling permit. The Department of State Police proposes to update language in these regulations in order to achieve consistency with the most up-to-date Society of Automotive Engineers standards and specifications.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

According to the department, the proposed new language will broaden the range of amber warning lights approved for use. The designs that will become newly approved under the proposed language are considered safe by the Society of Automotive Engineers. Additionally, all lighting equipment that is currently approved for use will continue to be approved for use under the proposed new language. Thus, the proposed new language, if implemented, will allow

the public a larger range of options of safe lighting equipment from which to choose. Since there are no known costs associated with the proposed language, implementation of the new standards and specifications will likely produce a net benefit for the Commonwealth.

## **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed regulations apply to all individuals or businesses who escort or tow overdimensional materials, equipment, boats, or manufactured housing units by authority of a highway hauling permit. During 1999 there were 84,551 highway-hauling permits issued for escorting or towing overdimensional materials, equipment, boats, or manufactured housing units.<sup>1</sup>

## **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed amended regulations apply to localities throughout the Commonwealth.

## **Projected Impact on Employment**

The introduction of the proposed amended regulations is unlikely to have a significant effect on employment.

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

The proposed new standards and specifications will allow the use of certain designs of lighting equipment, particularly top-mounted lights, that have not been permitted in the past.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Virginia Department of Transportation