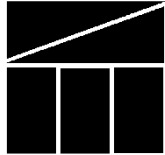


Adverse impact notification sent to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, House Committee on Appropriations, and Senate Committee on Finance (COV § 2.2-4007.04.C): Yes Not Needed

If/when this economic impact analysis (EIA) is published in the *Virginia Register of Regulations*, notification will be sent to each member of the General Assembly (COV § 2.2-4007.04.B).



Virginia Department of Planning and Budget Economic Impact Analysis

18 VAC 90-30 Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners
Department of Health Professions
Town Hall Action/Stage: 4416/7298
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

Under the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, the Boards of Nursing and Medicine (Boards) issue nurse practitioner licenses by specialty category. The Boards propose to conform the categories of nurse practitioner specialties in the regulation to the current categories for which national certifications are available.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Nurse practitioners may only work within the specialty category for which they are licensed. In order to renew a license biennially, the nurse practitioner shall hold current professional certification¹ in the area of specialty practice from one of the national certifying agencies.² According to the Department of Health Professions, the national certifying agencies permit certification renewal of eliminated categories. Similarly, the Boards permit renewal of

¹ If the nurse practitioner was initially licensed prior to May 8, 2002, she may alternatively complete at least 40 hours of continuing education in the area of specialty practice.

² Specifically the Board accepts certification from the following: American Midwifery Certification Board, American Nurses Credentialing Center, National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, National Certification Corporation, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation.

licenses in categories no longer specified in this regulation, as long as the national certification remains current.³

Thus, the Boards' proposal to eliminate, add, and amend specialty category names in order to conform the categories to those currently offered by the national certifying agencies will have no impact on current licensees. The proposal is beneficial in that it will make clear to potential new licensees the categories in which they may gain licensure.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed amendments particularly affect individuals seeking nurse practitioner licensure. The 8371 individuals currently licensed as nurse practitioners are not significantly affected.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendments do not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect employment.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect the use and value of private property.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments do not affect real estate development costs.

Small Businesses:

Definition

Pursuant to § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia, small business is defined as “a business entity, including its affiliates, that (i) is independently owned and operated and (ii) employs fewer than 500 full-time employees or has gross annual sales of less than \$6 million.”

Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments do not significantly affect small businesses.

³ Source: Department of Health Professions

Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect small businesses.

Adverse Impacts:

Businesses:

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect businesses.

Localities:

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect localities.

Other Entities:

The proposed amendments do not adversely affect other entities.

Legal Mandates

General: The Department of Planning and Budget has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with § 2.2-4007.04 of the Code of Virginia (Code) and Executive Order Number 17 (2014). Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses determine the public benefits and costs of the proposed amendments. Further the report should include but not be limited to: (1) the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the proposed regulatory action would apply, (2) the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, (3) the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, (4) the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and (5) the impact on the use and value of private property.

Adverse impacts: Pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.04(C): In the event this economic impact analysis reveals that the proposed regulation would have an adverse economic impact on businesses or would impose a significant adverse economic impact on a locality, business, or entity particularly affected, the Department of Planning and Budget shall advise the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance within the 45-day period.

If the proposed regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, Code § 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include: (1) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation, (2) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents, (3) a statement of the probable effect of the proposed regulation on affected small businesses, and (4) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation. Additionally, pursuant to Code § 2.2-4007.1, if there is a finding that a proposed regulation may have an adverse impact on small business, the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules shall be notified.

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