



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

2 VAC 5-150 – Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Companion Animals

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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The proposed regulations will replace several current definitions included in these regulations with the definitions in the Code of Virginia.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) proposes to replace current definitions of “Companion Animals,” “Dealer,” “Exhibitor,” and “Primary Enclosure” included in these regulations with the definitions in the Code of Virginia.

VDACS proposes these changes in response to one of the recommendations made by the Attorney General’s Government and Regulatory Reform Task Force who determined that definitions of “Companion Animals,” “Dealer,” “Exhibitor,” and “Primary Enclosure” are somewhat inconsistent with the definitions in the authorizing code sections. In response, the proposed regulations will replace the current definitions with the definitions in the Code of Virginia.

According to VDACS the proposed changes in definitions will not result in any changes in practice and they are proposed for consistency between the regulations and the Code of Virginia. Thus, no significant economic is expected from the proposed regulations other than avoiding possible confusions that may arise from the slightly different definitions between the regulations and the Code of Virginia.

Businesses and Entities Affected

The proposed regulations are estimated to apply to approximately 2,500 carriers, dealers, exhibitors, pet shops, auction sales, pounds, cities, counties, animal control officers, and humane societies.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed regulations apply throughout the Commonwealth.

Projected Impact on Employment

No effect on employment is expected.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

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

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Approximately 90 percent of the affected entities are estimated to be small businesses. However, no small business costs or other effects are anticipated.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No adverse effects on small businesses are expected.

Real Estate Development Costs

No real estate development costs are anticipated.

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.