



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

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### **6 VAC 20-30 – Rules Relating to Compulsory In-Service Training for Law Enforcement Officers, Jailors or Custodial Officers, Courtroom Security Officers, Process Service Officers**

**Department of Criminal Justice Services**

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### **Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation**

The Criminal Justice Services Board proposes to 1) authorize the Committee on Training of the Board to approve the courses of fire used by officers for annual recertification, 2) remove the specific number of rounds from the rules, and 3) remove the specifics listed in the in-service requirement for officers of the Department of Corrections.

### **Result of Analysis**

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

### **Estimated Economic Impact**

The Criminal Justice Services Board (Board) proposes to 1) authorize the Committee on Training of the Board to approve the courses of fire used by officers for annual recertification, 2) remove the specific number of rounds from the rules, and 3) remove the specifics listed in the in-service requirement for officers of the Department of Corrections.

A separate regulatory action effective January 2010<sup>1</sup>, moved the authority to set performance outcomes for entry level training to the Committee on Training so that they will be responsible for setting and amending all parts of the training standards. This proposed change makes the language in this part of the regulation consistent with entry level training rules currently in effect. This change will likely streamline the process of considering recertification standards so that new rules take less time to consider.

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<sup>1</sup> See proposed changes to 6 VAC 20-20

The proposed changes also remove the specifics (rounds, times, hands, targets) of In-Service firearms training courses from regulations. According to the Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Committee on Training is made up of experts in firearms training who qualify to instruct firearms courses and who have the experience and qualifications to supervise such training knowing what outcomes are needed. They are also members of the Board. The specifics of the courses will be included in curriculum for the courses and will be available for interested parties. This change will allow the Committee on Training to change the specifics of the courses without having to go through the regulatory review process. Given that the Committee on Training is made up of the members of the Board and they are qualified to establish course specifics, regulated entities will likely benefit from the proposed changes.

### **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed regulations establish In-Service training rules for law-enforcement officers, jailors or custodial officers, courtroom security officers, process service officers, Department of Corrections officers. There are approximately 400 law enforcement agencies and training entities in the Commonwealth and approximately 35,382 officers annually recertify for firearms.

### **Localities Particularly Affected**

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

### **Projected Impact on Employment**

This regulatory action will likely have no impact 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**

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs due to this regulatory action.

### **Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact**

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs or other adverse effects due to this regulatory action.

## **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 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.