

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, Section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that each state agency consider the affect of such action on small businesses. When such a regulatory action may have an adverse affect on small businesses, Section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

In accordance with Section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes, staff of the Department of Transportation (Department) analyzed the affect of draft revisions of Section 15-14-1a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, relating to fees, on small businesses in the state and found:

YES NO (Check all appropriate boxes):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The regulatory action will not have an affect on small businesses. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The regulatory action will have an affect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The regulatory action may have an adverse affect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to affected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:
(1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
(4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
(5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | The regulatory action will have an adverse affect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare. |

On August 15, 2012, the Department notified the Department of Economic and Community Development of its intent to take the proposed action, which may have an adverse impact on small businesses.

It is not expected that the proposed modification to the pilotage rates charged by the marine pilots to guide ships into and out of the waters of Long Island Sound and Connecticut ports will have an adverse impact on small businesses. The proposed modification will marginally increase the cost to shipping agents bringing vessels into Connecticut ports via Long Island Sound. However, this incremental cost is not expected to overburden small businesses and the cost of using Connecticut's ports will remain reasonable in relation to other comparable ports. Even with the proposed pilotage rate increase, Connecticut pilotage rates will be approximately 60% of those in Rhode Island and 65% of those in New York harbor.