



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER

01.01.2017.33

### Guidelines for Regulatory-Impact Analyses and Evaluations

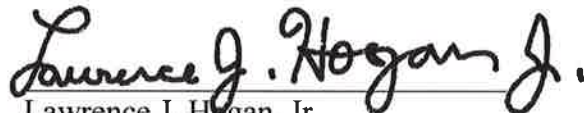
(rescinds Executive Order 01.01.1996.03)

- WHEREAS, Marylanders benefit from a regulatory system that promotes and protects the public's health, welfare, safety, and the State's environment and natural treasures while promoting economic growth, job creation, competitiveness, and innovation;
- WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of businesses in Maryland are small businesses, which are disproportionately affected by regulations because they have fewer resources to comply with regulations and to meet the costs of complying with regulations;
- WHEREAS, The public's interests are best served when Maryland's regulatory system strikes the appropriate balance between protecting the public and promoting the health of small businesses, and striking this balance requires State agencies to effectively estimate the small business impact of their proposed regulations;
- WHEREAS, Identifying proposed regulations that may adversely impact small businesses by effectively estimating their economic impact will allow State agencies to consider regulatory alternatives that provide greater flexibility for small businesses and are intended to minimize adverse impacts and minimize regulatory burdens; and
- WHEREAS, Effectively estimating the small business economic impact of proposed regulations, and considering alternatives to minimize the economic impact of regulations on small businesses, requires analytical techniques and methodologies that incorporate best practices;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Each State department, agency, authority, board, or instrumentality controlled by the Governor shall use and follow the *Guidelines for Estimating and Minimizing the Economic Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses*, adopted by the Advisory Council on the Impact of Regulations on Small Businesses pursuant to Section 3-507 of the Economic Development Article of the Maryland Code, when conducting the analyses and evaluations required by the State Government Article in Section 2-1505.2, Section 10-110(d)(3), and Section 10-124.
- B. Executive Order 01.01.1996.03 is hereby rescinded.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2017.

  
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State

