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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

September 23, 1999

Honorable M. Diane Koken, Commissioner Insurance Department 1326 Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: IRRC Regulation #11-149 (#2001)
Insurance Department
Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraisers

Dear Commissioner Koken:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its September 23, 1999 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at http://www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush Vice Chairman

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cc: Pete Salvatore

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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Commissioners Present:

Public Meeting Held September 23, 1999

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Insurance Department Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraisers Regulation No. 11-149

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On January 27, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). rulemaking amends 31 Pa. Code §§ 62.1 - 62.4. The authority for this regulation is found in Section 1 through 14 of the Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser Act (63 P.S. §§ 851 -863)(Act). The proposed regulation was published in the February 6, 1999 Pennsylvania Bulletin with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 23, 1999.

The Department is amending Chapter 62 relating to motor vehicle physical damage appraisers to make it consistent with the Act. The regulation adds provisions which clarify the licensing requirements and occupational standards for appraisers. The regulation also specifies items which must be listed on the appraisal and disclosure requirements designed to protect consumers.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. The regulation clarifies licensing requirements for appraisers and eliminates provisions which repeat or are inconsistent with the Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Regulation No. 11-149 from the Insurance Department, as submitted to the Commission on August 23, 1999, is approved; and
- 2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau MANAGER STATES OF THE STATES O

Alvin C. Bush. Vice Chairman