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April 8, 1999

Honorable Yvonne E. Keairns, Ph.D., Chairperson State Board of Psychology 116 Pine Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

> Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-635 (#2015) State Board of Psychology Examination Fees

Dear Chairperson Keairns:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its April 8, 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,

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Alvin C. Bush Vice Chairman

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State Board of Psychology Examination Fees Regulation No. 16A-635

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On March 12, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Psychology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 41.12. The authority for this regulation is Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. § 279.3a) and Sections 3.2(2) and 3.3(d) of the Professional Psychologists Practice Act (63 P.S. §§ 1203.2(2) and 1203.3). Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This regulation increases the fee for the national portion of the licensure examination, Professional Practice of Psychology, by \$55 or 18.6 percent. The increase is necessary to meet contract costs that apply to examinations on and after April 1999.

On March 23, 1999, the House Professional Licensure Committee approved the regulation.

We have reviewed this regulation and find it to be in the public interest. The revised fee reflects the Board's contract with Professional Examination Services to develop, grade and administer the Professional Practice of Psychology examination.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Regulation No. 16A-635 from the State Board of Psychology, as submitted to the Commission on March 12, 1999, is approved; and
- 2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

