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April 13, 2000

Jay B. Tanner, O.D., Chairperson
State Board of Optometry
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-527 (#2032)
State Board of Optometry
Application Fees

Dear Chairperson Tanner:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its April 13, 2000 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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Enclosure
cc: Teresa Lazo-Miller
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Regulation No. 16A-527

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

On April 19, 1999, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Optometry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Section 23.91. The authority for this regulation is found in Sections 3(b)(14), 5(b) and 9 of the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act (63 P.S. §§ 244.2(b)(14), 244.5(b), and 244.9). The proposed regulation was published in the May 1, 1999 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 8, 2000.

The Board is revising fees for applications for certified copies of licenses for each additional practice location; certification of scores or licensure; and verification of licensure. Additionally, it adds a fee for continuing educational program approval applications. The Board anticipates that approximately 1,800 persons will avail themselves of one or more of these services over the next two years.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 16A-527 from the State Board of Optometry, as submitted to the Commission on March 8, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.


Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman

