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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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May 17, 2001

John J. Contino, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission  
309 Finance Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470

Re: Regulation #63-7 (IRRC #2128)  
State Ethics Commission  
Procedure

Dear Mr. Contino:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on May 17, 2001.  
Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", written over a printed name and title.

John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman  
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
Honorable Kevin Blaum, Democratic Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
Honorable David Brightbill, Chairman, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
Honorable Robert J. Mellow, Minority Chairman, Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 17, 2001

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman – by Phone  
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Regulation No. 63-7  
State Ethics Commission  
Procedure

On June 22, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Ethics Commission. This rulemaking amends §§ 17.3–17.6 and 17.11, and adds § 21.6 in Title 51 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the July 8, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 16, 2001.

The final-form regulation updates cross-references in existing regulations and amends reporting thresholds for Statements of Financial Interest to be consistent with the reporting thresholds in the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act, as amended by Act 93 of 1998. Additionally, the regulation adds a new section relating to confidentiality that incorporates eight existing statutory exceptions and two additional exceptions in conformance with judicial case law.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Ethics Commission (65 Pa.C.S. § 1107(1)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

This regulation is approved.



  
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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman