

JOHN R. MCGINLEY, JR., ESQ., CHAIRMAN  
ALVIN C. BUSH, VICE CHAIRMAN  
ARTHUR COCCODRILLI  
ROBERT J. HARBISON, III  
JOHN F. MIZNER, ESQ.  
ROBERT E. NYCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MARY S. WYATTE, CHIEF COUNSEL



PHONE: (717) 783-5417  
FAX: (717) 783-2664  
irrc@irrc.state.pa.us  
<http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>

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

July 12, 2001

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

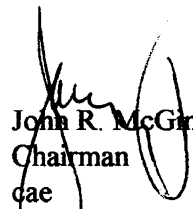
Re: Regulation #11-206 (IRRC #2179)  
Insurance Department  
Privacy of Consumer Financial Information

Dear Commissioner Koken:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on July 12, 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,

  
John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman  
cae  
Enclosure

cc: Honorable Nicholas A. Micozzie, Majority Chairman, House Insurance Committee  
Honorable Anthony DeLuca, Democratic Chairman, House Insurance Committee  
Honorable Edwin G. Holl, Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee  
Honorable Jack Wagner, Minority Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 12, 2001

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman  
Arthur Coccodrilli  
Robert J. Harbison, III  
John F. Mizner, by Phone

Regulation No. 11-206  
Insurance Department  
Privacy of Consumer Financial Information

On March 21, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 146a to 31 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the March 31, 2001, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 14, 2001.

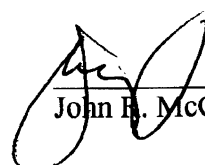
This regulation requires initial and annual notices to customers of an insurance licensee that explain the licensee's privacy policies regarding disclosure of nonpublic personal financial information. The regulation also requires that the licensee's customers be given an opportunity to opt out of such disclosures to third parties.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Insurance Department (40 P. S. § 1171.2) 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.



  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman