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

November 15, 2001

Honorable Jeffrey A. Beard, Ph.D., Secretary
Department of Corrections
2520 Lisburn Road
P.O. Box 598
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Re: Regulation #19-5 (IRRC #2196)
Department of Corrections
Administration and State Correctional Institutions and Facilities

Dear Secretary Beard:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on November 15, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets 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.

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 Stewart J. Greenleaf, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Honorable Jay Costa, Jr., Minority Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 15, 2001

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Regulation No. 19-5
Department of Corrections
Administration and State Correctional
Institutions and Facilities

On May 1, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Corrections (Department). This rulemaking amends 37 Pa. Code Chapters 91, 93 and 94. The proposed regulation was published in the May 12, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 22, 2001.

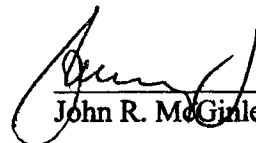
The Department is modifying outdated regulations and deleting regulations that do not affect the public. The amendments relate to: inmate correspondence and publications; procedures for families or friends to purchase products for inmates; monitoring of telephone calls; religious activities; and definitions.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. § 186) 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