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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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October 24, 2002

Alex M. Siegel, J.D., Ph.D., Chairman
State Board of Psychology
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

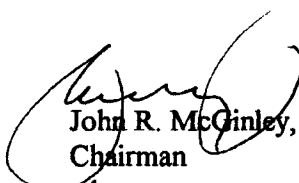
Re: Regulation #16A-6310 (IRRC #2232)
State Board of Psychology
Computerized Examinations

Dear Chairman Siegel:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. 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,


John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mario J. Civera, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Charles W. Dent, Acting Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable C. Michael Weaver, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 24, 2002

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Regulation No. 16A-6310
State Board of Psychology
Computerized Examinations

On November 14, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Psychology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 41. The proposed regulation was published in the December 1, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 3, 2002.

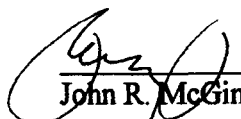
The Board is amending its regulations because the national portion of the licensure examination is now administered by computer and is available more frequently. Under the statute (63 P.S. § 1206(c)), if a person fails an examination, they cannot take a second examination until after "the expiration of six months and within two years." The final regulation reflects the statutory restrictions to retake examinations and adds clarification to the various fees charged to retake the examination.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1203.2(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.




John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman