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October 9, 2003

Honorable Allen D. Biehler, P.E., Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
Keystone Building, 8th Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #18-372 (IRRC #2258)  
Department of Transportation  
School Buses

Dear Secretary Biehler:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be 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 meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman  
evp  
Enclosure

cc: Honorable Richard A. Geist, Majority Chairman, House Transportation Committee  
Honorable Keith R. McCall, Democratic Chairman, House Transportation Committee  
Honorable Roger A. Madigan, Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee  
Honorable J. Barry Stout, Minority Chairman, Senate Transportation Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 9, 2003

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Regulation No. 18-372  
Department of Transportation  
School Buses

On March 5, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Transportation (Department). This rulemaking amends 67 Pa. Code Chapters 71 and 171. The proposed regulation was published in the March 16, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted on July 30, 2003. The Department withdrew this final-form regulation on August 1, 2003. The Department resubmitted the final-form regulation to the Commission on September 10, 2003.

This regulation establishes procedures and criteria by which individuals with certain medical conditions may qualify to be school bus drivers. It also sets forth equipment and safety requirements for school buses and other vehicles transporting school children. These provisions include allowing school buses to display roof-top identification numbers.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (75 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 1504, 1509, 4551, 4552, 4553 and 6103) 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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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman