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November 7, 2002

Carolyn Angelo
Executive Director
Professional Standards and Practices Commission
333 Market Street, 12th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Regulation #6-274 (IRRC #2277)
Professional Standards and Practices Commission
Definitions of Statutory Terms

Dear Ms. Angelo:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Bush".

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Jess M. Stairs, Majority Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable Nicholas A. Colafella, Democratic Chairman, House Education Committee
Honorable James J. Rhoades, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz, Minority Chairperson, Senate Education Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 7, 2002

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Regulation No. 6-274
Professional Standards and
Practices Commission
Definitions of Statutory Terms

On June 11, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC). This rulemaking amends 22 Pa. Code Chapter 237. The proposed regulation was published in the June 22, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 8, 2002.


This regulation modifies and establishes definitions of terms set forth in the Professional Educator Discipline Act (Act). The regulation: reflects amendments to the Act which expand the scope of the PSPC's jurisdiction to include discipline of charter school staff members; amends the definition of "immorality" referring to "morals of the Commonwealth" instead of the existing reference to "morals of a community"; and adds a definition for the term "surrender in lieu of discipline" which is now considered public under the amendments to the Act.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PSPC (24 P.S. § 2070.5(a)(11)) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman