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Steven J. Reto, O.D., Chairman
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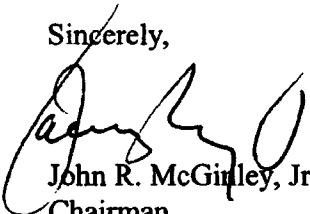
Re: Regulation #16A-529 (IRRC #2324)
State Board of Optometry
Continuing Education

Dear Chairman Reto:

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.

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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 12, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-529
State Board of Optometry
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On February 12, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Optometry. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 23. The proposed regulation was published in the March 1, 2003, *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 6, 2004.

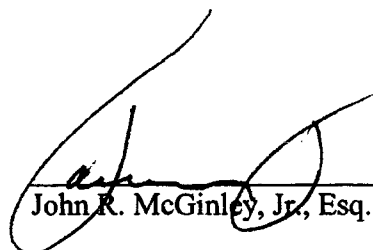
This regulation updates existing continuing education requirements and adds continuing education requirements for optometrists certified to treat glaucoma.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Optometry (63 P.S. §§ 244.3(b)(12) and (14)) 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., Esq., Chairman