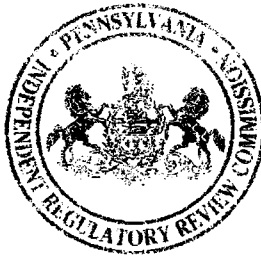


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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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March 21, 2006

Karen Goltz Stein, Chairperson
State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-6802 (IRRC #2406)
State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing
Continuing Education

Dear Chairperson Stein:

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., Esq.
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: 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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 21, 2006

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Regulation No. 16A-6802
State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
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On June 8, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 45. The proposed regulation was published in the June 19, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 20, 2006.

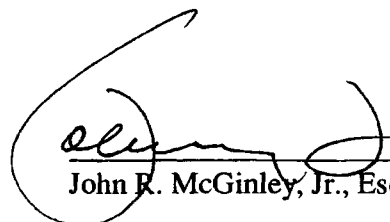
This regulation implements Act 71 of 2000 and sets forth continuing education requirements for the biennial renewal of licenses. Licensees are required to obtain 20 hours of continuing education for biennial renewal.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1705(2) and (7)) 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