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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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December 20, 2007

Michael J. DeStefano, Chairman
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-699 (IRRC #2493)
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Licensure Technical Amendments

Dear Chairman DeStefano:

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

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 P. Michael Sturla, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 20, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
David J. DeVries, Esq.
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Regulation No. 16A-699 (#2493)
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Licensure Technical Amendments

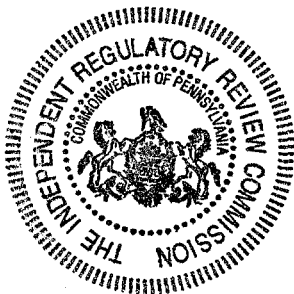
On September 26, 2005, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapters 47 and 49. The proposed regulation was published in the October 8, 2005 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 7, 2007.

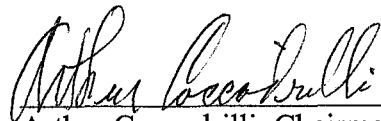
This final-form rulemaking amends licensure requirements for social workers and makes editorial changes to the Board's regulations.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1906(2)) 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.




Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman