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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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October 2, 2008

Honorable Sandi Vito, Acting Secretary
Department of Labor and Industry
1700 Labor and Industry Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #12-71 (IRRC #2556)
Department of Labor and Industry
Registration of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators

Dear Acting Secretary Vito:

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.

Pursuant to Section 7(d) of the Regulatory Review Act, the standing committees have 14 days to review this regulation and report to the state House of Representatives and Senate a concurrent resolution. If this 14-day period expires and neither committee reports a concurrent resolution, the committees will be deemed to have approved the report. Accordingly, the Department may proceed with promulgation of this regulation. 71 P.S. §745.7(d); 1 Pa. Code §311.5.

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

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable John R. Gordner, Chairman, Senate Labor and Industry Committee
Honorable Christine M. Tartaglione, Minority Chairman, Senate Labor and Industry Committee
Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Labor Relations Committee
Honorable Gene DiGirolamo, Minority Chairman, House Labor Relations Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 2, 2008

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Regulation No. 12-71 (#2556)
Department of Labor and Industry
Registration of Sign Language Interpreters and
Transliterators

On July 10, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Labor and Industry (Department). This rulemaking adds 34 Pa. Code Chapter 501. The proposed regulation was published in the July 22, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 8, 2008. At its August 21, 2008 public meeting, the Commission voted to disapprove the final-form regulation. On September 15, 2008, the Department submitted its report containing the revised final-form regulation to the Commission.

This rulemaking implements the Sign Language Interpreter and Transliterators State Registration Act of 2004.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (63 P.S. § 1725.3(4)) 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