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333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

June 5, 2008

Mary E. Bowen, R.N., C.R.N.P., Chairperson
State Board of Nursing
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5130 (IRRC #2608)
State Board of Nursing
Continuing Education for Professional Nurses

Dear Chairperson Bowen:

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 June 5, 2008

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Regulation No. 16A-5130 (#2608)
State Board of Nursing
Continuing Education for Professional Nurses

On April 18, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 21. The proposed regulation was published in the April 28, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 1, 2008.

This regulation implements standards and requirements for 30 hours of continuing education in every two years for registered nurses as established by Act 58 of 2006.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 222 and 216.1) 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