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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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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-5131 (IRRC #2631)  
State Board of Nursing  
Faculty Requirements for Nursing Education Programs

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](http://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:

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Public Meeting Held June 5, 2008

Regulation No. 16A-5131 (#2631)  
State Board of Nursing  
Faculty Requirements for Nursing  
Education Programs

On August 15, 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 August 25, 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 amends existing regulations to enhance flexibility in staffing at education programs for registered nurses in an effort to expand educational opportunities and enrollment.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 212.1(k) 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.



  
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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman