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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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February 25, 2010

Leonard M. Knepp, C.P.A., Executive Director
State Employees' Retirement Board
30 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1147

Re: Regulation #31-11 (IRRC #2668)
State Employees' Retirement Board
Death Benefits

Dear Mr. Knepp:

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,

George D. Bedwick
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Patrick M. Browne, Majority Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Honorable Jim Ferlo, Minority Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Honorable Babette Josephs, Majority Chairman, House State Government Committee
Honorable Kerry A. Benninghoff, Minority Chairman, House State Government Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 25, 2010

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Regulation No. 31-11 (#2668)
State Employees' Retirement Board
Death Benefits

On January 18, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Employees' Retirement Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 4 Pa. Code § 249.7. The proposed regulation was published in the February 2, 2008 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 14, 2010.

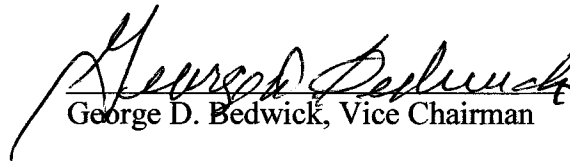
This final-form regulation clarifies that a nomination of beneficiary must be in writing on a form supplied by the Board.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (71 Pa.C.S. § 5902(h)) 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.




George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman