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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

April 3, 2008

Honorable Jessica Wright, Adjutant General
Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
200S-0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, PA 17003

Re: Regulation #13-5 (IRRC #2680)
Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program

Dear Adjutant General Wright:

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 Elisabeth J. Baker, Chairman, Senate Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Honorable Andrew Dinniman, Minority Chairman, Senate Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
Honorable Anthony J. Melio, Majority Chairman, House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee
Honorable Russ Fairchild, Minority Chairman, House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 3, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Nancy Sabol Frantz, Esq.
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Regulation No. 13-5 (#2680)
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit
Program

On February 29, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 9 to Title 43 of the Pa. Code. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This final-omitted regulation implements the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Act (51 P.S. §§ 20301, et. seq.), which creates the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program. This Program provides compensation to eligible Pennsylvania veterans and their survivors of the first Persian Gulf Conflict.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (51 P.S. § 20309) 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