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April 22, 2010

Karen W. Edelstein, Psy.D., Chair
State Board of Psychology
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-6315 (IRRC #2763)
State Board of Psychology
Qualifications

Dear Ms. Edelstein:

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, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Michael P. McGeehan, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Julie Harhart, 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 April 22, 2010

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Regulation No. 16A-6315 (#2763)
State Board of Psychology
Qualifications

On April 22, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Psychology (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 41. The proposed regulation was published in the May 2, 2009 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 11, 2010.

This regulation amends and reformats the education, experience and examination requirements in the existing rules for applicants for licensure as psychologists. It will increase the number of hours of supervised experience required for applicants in one year from 1,500 to 1,750 hours.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1203.2(1), 1206(a)(2), 1208(a)(6)) 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