INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman John F. Mizner, Esq. Lawrence J. Tabas, Esq. Dennis A. Watson, Esq. Public Meeting Held October 18, 2012

Regulation No. 16A-48 (#2904) Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Schedule of Civil Penalties - Accountants

On August 8, 2011, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (Bureau). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 43b.10a. The proposed regulation was published in the August 20, 2011 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 12, 2012.

This regulation amends the civil penalty schedule for violations of the continuing education regulations of the State Board of Accountancy (Board). This regulation is the companion piece to Regulation #16A-5511 (IRRC #2902) from the Board entitled: "Continuing Professional Education."

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Bureau (63 P.S. § 2205(a)) 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.



Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman