

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 17, 2016

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
W. Russell Faber
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Regulation No. 16A-5125 (#3080)
State Board of Nursing
General Revisions

On October 17, 2014, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Nursing (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 21.2, 21.3, 21.7, 21.21—21.25, 21.27—21.30a, 21.142, 21.144, 21.149, 21.151—21.156c, 21.701, 21.722, 21.723b and 21.724. The proposed regulation was published in the November 1, 2014 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on December 1, 2014. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 26, 2016.

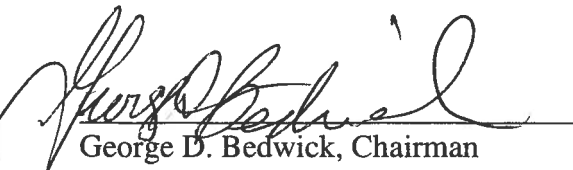
The regulation establishes timeframes within which candidates for licensure as registered nurses, practical nurses and dietitian-nutritionists must first take and pass licensure examinations. The regulation also amends provisions relating to re-examination, continued competency, qualifications of applicants for examination, and licensure requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 212.1(k) and 667.6) 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.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman