

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 20, 2020

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-6922 (#3196)
State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional
Counselors
Licensed Bachelor Social Worker; Fees

On January 31, 2018, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 47. The proposed regulation was published in the February 10, 2018 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 12, 2018. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 16, 2020.

The regulation implements Act 179 of 2014 (P.L. 2884, No. 179) with regard to licensure of bachelor social workers, establishes applicable fees for licensed bachelor social workers and adjusts existing fees for other licensure categories. It also eliminates language pertaining to provisional license as a social worker.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 1906 and 1918(c) and Section 9 of the act of October 22, 2014 (P.L. 2884, No. 179)) 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
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