

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held April 15, 2021

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-5213 (#3223)
State Board of Optometry
General Revisions

On February 15, 2019, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Optometry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 23. The proposed regulation was published in the March 2, 2019 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on April 1, 2019. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 26, 2021.

This final-form regulation amends continuing education requirements by adding reporting, auditing, enforcement and source provisions. In addition, this final-form regulation adds requirements for reciprocal licenses, fees related to continuing education and a definition of "contact lens."

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 244.3(b)(12) and (14) and 244.6(c)) 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