

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 20, 2022

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-4111 (#3263)
State Architects Licensure Board
Digital Signature and Seal

On August 11, 2020, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Architects Licensure Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 9 by adding §§ 9.140, and 9.141a and amending §§ 9.141, 9.145 and 9.146. The proposed regulation was published in the August 22, 2020 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on September 21, 2020. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 31, 2022.


This rulemaking provides for the use of digital signatures and seals on architectural documents. Specifically, it sets forth the definitions and requirements for use, including the surrender of digital seals and signatures, and compromised digital seals and signatures.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § § 34.6(a) and 34.12)) 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