

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 13, 2023

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-5218 (#3314)
State Board of Optometry
License by Endorsement

On September 2, 2021, 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 by adding §§ 23.27, 23.27a and 23.27b. The proposed regulation was published in the September 18, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on October 18, 2021. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 22, 2023.

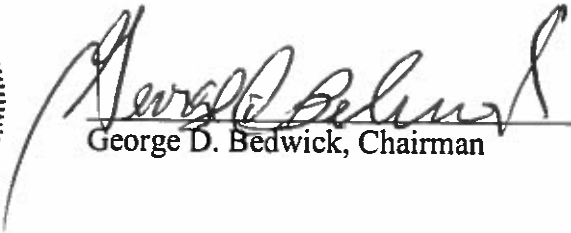
This regulation sets forth the criteria for eligibility for licensure by endorsement, including the specific methods required for an applicant to demonstrate competency as well as requirements for granting a provisional endorsement license.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 Pa. C.S. § 3111) 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