

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 21, 2024

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-4953 (#3324)
State Board of Medicine
Registration of Naturopathic Doctors

On November 30, 2021, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapters 16 and 18 and adds Subchapter M to Chapter 18. The proposed regulation was published in the December 18, 2021 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on January 18, 2022. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 18, 2024.

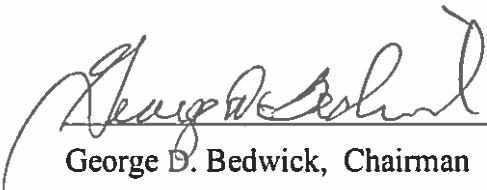
The rulemaking implements the Naturopathic Doctor Registration Act (63 P.S. §§ 272.101-272.301), establishes fees for initial registration and biennial renewal of registration and removes outdated provisions of the Board's regulations relating to "drugless therapists."

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Medicine (63 P.S. §§ 272.202(6), 272.203(b) and 272.207 and 63 P.S. § 422.8) 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