

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 20, 2026

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
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Regulation No. 13-6 (#3429)
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
State Veterans' Benefits

On January 15, 2025, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department). This rulemaking rescinds 43 Pa. Code Chapter 5 and establishes new regulations at Chapter 5a. The proposed regulation was published in the February 15, 2025 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 17, 2025. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 30, 2026.

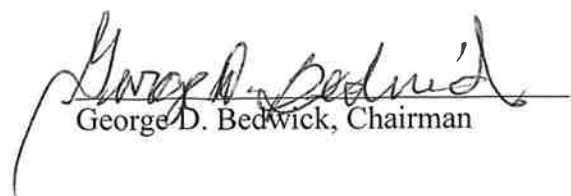
This final-form regulation updates and clarifies the application, adjudication, appeal, and administrative procedures for State Veterans' programs. The programs are: the Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption Program; the Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension Program; the Blind Veterans' Pension Program; the Educational Gratuities Program; and the Veterans' Temporary Assistance Program.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (2 Pa. C.S. § 102(a)) 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