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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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November 1, 2001

Melanie A. Wennick, Chairperson
State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

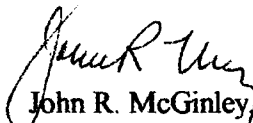
Re: Regulation #16A-674 (IRRC #2136)
State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
General Revisions

Dear Chairperson Wennick:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on November 1, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,


John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mario J. Civera, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Clarence D. Bell, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 1, 2001

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Regulation No. 16A-674
State Board of Occupational Therapy
Education and Licensure
General Revisions

On July 28, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 42. The proposed regulation was published in the August 12, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 5, 2001.

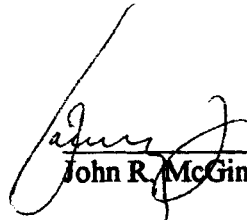
The regulation eliminates outdated provisions, standardizes language and adopts the 1994 revisions to the American Occupational Therapy Association Code of Ethics. The regulation impacts both occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1505(b) and 1516(a)(2)) 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman