

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 13, 2023

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
John J. Soroko, Esq.
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Regulation No. 16A-6713 (#3331)
State Board of Occupational Therapy
Education and Licensure
Licensure by Endorsement

On January 26, 2022, 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 Sections 42.1 and 42.9-42.10. The proposed regulation was published in the February 5, 2022 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on March 7, 2022. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 9, 2023.

This regulation implements Act 41 of 2019 (Act 41) (63 Pa.C.S.A. § 3111) which requires licensing boards and commissions to issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to an applicant who pays fees established by the board or commission by regulation, provided the applicant meets certain criteria for eligibility. Act 41 also requires boards and commissions that issue provisional licenses, certificates, registrations, or permits to set the expiration of the provisional endorsement license by regulation.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 Pa.C.S. § 3111; 63 P.S. § 1505(b)) 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