

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MARCH 13, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), entitled
2 "An act providing for independent oversight and review of
3 regulations, creating an Independent Regulatory Review
4 Commission, providing for its powers and duties and making
5 repeals," further providing for procedures for subsequent
6 review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted
7 regulations.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 7(d) of the act of June 25, 1982
11 (P.L.633, No.181), known as the Regulatory Review Act, is
12 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
13 read:

14 Section 7. Procedures for subsequent review of disapproved
15 final-form or final-omitted regulations.

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17 (d) Upon receipt of the commission's order pursuant to
18 subsection (c.1) or at the expiration of the commission's review

1 period if the commission does not act on the regulation or does
2 not deliver its order pursuant to subsection (c.1), one or both
3 of the committees may, within 14 calendar days, report to the
4 House of Representatives or Senate a concurrent resolution and
5 notify the agency. During the 14-calendar-day period, the agency
6 may not promulgate the final-form or final-omitted regulation.
7 If, by the expiration of the 14-calendar-day period, neither
8 committee reports a concurrent resolution, the committees shall
9 be deemed to have approved the final-form or final-omitted
10 regulation, and the agency may promulgate that regulation. If
11 either committee reports a concurrent resolution before the
12 expiration of the 14-day period, the Senate and the House of
13 Representatives shall each have 30 calendar days or ten
14 legislative days, whichever is longer, from the date on which
15 the concurrent resolution has been reported, to adopt the
16 concurrent resolution. If the General Assembly adopts the
17 concurrent resolution by majority vote in both the Senate and
18 the House of Representatives, the concurrent resolution shall be
19 presented to the Governor in accordance with section 9 of
20 Article III of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. If the Governor
21 does not return the concurrent resolution to the General
22 Assembly within ten calendar days after it is presented, the
23 Governor shall be deemed to have approved the concurrent
24 resolution. If the Governor vetoes the concurrent resolution,
25 the General Assembly may override that veto by a two-thirds vote
26 in each house. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall
27 each have 30 calendar days or ten legislative days, whichever is
28 longer, to override the veto. If the General Assembly does not
29 adopt the concurrent resolution or override the veto in the time
30 prescribed in this subsection, it shall be deemed to have

1 approved the final-form or final-omitted regulation. Notice as
2 to any final disposition of a concurrent resolution considered
3 in accordance with this section shall be published in the
4 Pennsylvania Bulletin. The bar on promulgation of the final-form
5 or final-omitted regulation shall continue until that regulation
6 has been approved or deemed approved in accordance with this
7 subsection. If the General Assembly adopts the concurrent
8 resolution and the Governor approves or is deemed to have
9 approved the concurrent resolution or if the General Assembly
10 overrides the Governor's veto of the concurrent resolution, the
11 agency shall be barred from promulgating the final-form or
12 final-omitted regulation. An agency shall be prohibited from
13 reissuing the same regulation in the future, or promulgating a
14 regulation that is substantially similar, unless the new or
15 revised regulation is specifically authorized by a law enacted
16 after the date of the joint resolution disapproving the original <--
17 review. THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IS APPROVED OR DEEMED TO BE <--
18 APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR OR AFTER THE DATE WHEN THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OVERRIDES THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF THE CONCURRENT
20 RESOLUTION. If the General Assembly does not adopt the
21 concurrent resolution or if the Governor vetoes the concurrent
22 resolution and the General Assembly does not override the
23 Governor's veto, the agency may promulgate the final-form or
24 final-omitted regulation. The General Assembly may, at its
25 discretion, adopt a concurrent resolution disapproving the
26 final-form or final-omitted regulation to indicate the intent of
27 the General Assembly but permit the agency to promulgate that
28 regulation.

29 (e) A committee may report a concurrent resolution to
30 initiate the repeal of any regulation currently in effect. If

1 the General Assembly adopts the concurrent resolution by
2 majority vote in both the Senate and the House of
3 Representatives, the concurrent resolution shall be presented to
4 the Governor in accordance with section 9 of Article III of the
5 Constitution of Pennsylvania. If the Governor does not return
6 the concurrent resolution to the General Assembly within ten
7 calendar days after it is presented, the Governor shall be
8 deemed to have approved the concurrent resolution. If the
9 Governor vetoes the concurrent resolution, the General Assembly
10 may override that veto by a two-thirds vote in each house. The
11 Senate and the House of Representatives shall each have 30
12 calendar days or ten legislative days, whichever is longer, to
13 override the veto. If the General Assembly does not adopt the
14 concurrent resolution or override the veto in the time
15 prescribed in this subsection, the regulation shall remain in
16 effect. An agency shall be prohibited from reissuing the same
17 regulation in the future, or promulgating a regulation that is
18 substantially similar, unless the new or revised regulation is
19 specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date of the <--
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22 THE GOVERNOR OR AFTER THE DATE WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
23 OVERRIDES THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.