

**AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF RESPONSE**

TO: Emily Kaylor
Director of Regulatory Policy
Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Office

FROM: Mahjabeen Qadir
Acting General Counsel 
Ohio Department of Health

RE: O.A.C. Rules 3701-17-01 to -26 (Nursing Home Licensure)

DATE: June 29, 2017

Thank you for permission to go forward with original filing with JCARR O.A.C. Rules 3701-17-01 to -26. These rules pertain to nursing home licensure. As you point out, two comments were received during the first posting of the rules. As a result, ODH incorporated recommendations regarding term changes and alterations to staffing assessments. A second posting elicited no comments.

The Ohio Public Health Advisory Board considered the rules at its May 5, 2017 meeting, and unanimously voted to recommend the Director's approval.

c: Travis Butchello, Regulatory Policy Advocate