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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

This is to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on March 15, 2000, and voted to approve Regulation 16A-465 and Regulation 16A-576.

Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mario J. Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman
House Professional Licensure Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Norbert O. Gannon, D.D.S., Chairman
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Regulation 16A-576

State Board of Veterinary Medicine

PROPOSAL: Regulation 16A-576 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 31, regulations of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. Specifically, language would be added to Section 31.21, Rules of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians, Principle 5, Advertising, setting forth required information when advertising emergency services.

Regulation 16A-576 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on March 1, 2000. The Professional Licensure Committee has until March 21, 2000, to approve or disapprove the regulation.

- (1) **ANALYSIS:** The regulation would require advertising by veterinarians for emergency services to provide information as to whether a veterinarian is actually on the premises or on call. "On the premises" means that a veterinarian is physically present at the veterinary establishment and is immediately available to render emergency services. "On call" means that a veterinarian is available to return emergency calls within a reasonable time and is available to render emergency services within a reasonable time. The advertising must also specify the hours during which emergency services are available, and disclose specific limitations (i.e. exotics, avian, large animal or small animal). The Committee did not comment on the regulation during the proposed stage.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Professional Licensure Committee approve the regulation.

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
March 9, 2000