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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

April 13, 1999

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

This is to advise you that the House Professional Licensure Committee met on April 13, 1999, and submits the following comments pertaining to the regulations considered by the Committee:

The Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-548, State Board of Pharmacy, until final-form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee is requesting additional information as to the category of "certification of scores or intern hours." The Committee is questioning under what circumstances the Board would "certify" an examination score or intern hours. In the fee report form, the explanations as to what functions the Board staff performs for certification and verification are identical. The Committee requests an explanation as to the distinction between these two categories and what accounts for the differential in fees.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mario J. Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman
House Professional Licensure Committee

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Enclosure

cc: Kim H. Pizzigrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Department of State
Frank A. Rubino, R.Ph., Chairman
State Board of Pharmacy

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PROPOSAL: Regulation 16A-548 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 27, regulations of the State Board of Pharmacy. The amendment makes revisions to the schedule of Board fees by increasing fees for providing certain services, and in two instances, reducing the fees.

The proposed Rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on February 27, 1999. The Professional Licensure Committee has until April 19, 1999, to submit comments on the regulation.

ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Sec. 8.2 of the Pharmacy Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 390-8.2, the Board is required to meet expenditures through revenues raised by fees, fines and civil penalties. The Board states that a recent systems audit determined that the fees for certain services did not accurately reflect the actual cost involved in providing the service. Accordingly, the Board proposes to amend the schedule of fees as follows:

<u>Application/Service</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Application for Pharmacy Intern Certificate	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00
Application for Pharmacist License	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Certification of Examination Scores or Internship Hours	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
Verification of Licensure	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
New Pharmacy Permit Application	\$145.00	\$100.00
Reinspection of New Pharmacy After Failure at first Inspection	\$ 45.00	\$ 90.00
Pharmacy Permit Change without Inspection	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00
Pharmacy Permit Change when Inspection Required	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00
Change in Pharmacy Ownership or Board of Directors	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00
Verification of Permit	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Professional Licensure Committee take no formal action until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee is requesting additional information as to the category of "certification of scores or intern hours". The Committee is questioning under what circumstances the Board would "certify" an examination score or intern hours. In the fee report form, the explanations as to what functions the Board staff performs for certification and verification are identical. The Committee requests an explanation as to the distinction between these two categories and what accounts for the differential in fees.

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
April 8, 1999