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

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on May 16, 2000, and voted to approve Regulation 16A-548 and Regulation 16A-7010. In addition, the committee voted to take no action on Regulation 16A-644 and Regulation 16A-5113 until they are submitted in final form.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario J. Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman
House Professional Licensure Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Ralph M. Stewart, Chairman
State Board of Auctioneer Examiners
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Regulation 16A-548

State Board of Pharmacy

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.

Regulation 16A-548 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on May 3, 2000. The Professional Licensure Committee has until May 23, 2000, to approve or disapprove 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

The Committee requested an explanation as to the circumstances under which the Board would certify an examination score or intern hours, and what accounted for the difference in the amount charged for certification and verification of licensure, when the functions of Board staff for each service appear to be identical. The Board explained that certification of examination scores is requested by licensees who are seeking licensure by reciprocity in other states. Generally, the state of original licensure is the only source of exam scores in that testing agencies do not maintain that information. Additionally, the boards of other states require that the Pennsylvania Board and other boards certify the exam scores.

The Board explained that the difference in the fee amounts for certification and verification is due to the difference in the amount of time it takes to perform each service. Verifications, which on average take five minutes to prepare, are usually computer generated letters which contain general information about the status of a license. Certifications contain additional and more specific information, and on average take 45 minutes to prepare.

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

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
May 4, 2000