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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harrisstown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on October 11, 2000, and voted to approve Regulation 16A-5113, State Board of Nursing; Regulation 16A-556, State Board of Accountancy; Regulation 16A-560, State Real Estate Commission; Regulation 16A-558, State Board of Accountancy; Regulation 16A-600, State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons; and Regulation 16A-626, State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators.

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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Enclosures

cc: K. Stephen Anderson, CRNA, Chairman
State Board of Nursing
Thomas J. Baumgartner, CPA, Chairman
State Board of Accountancy
Joseph Tarantino, Jr., Chairman
State Real Estate Commission
Robert G. Pickerill, Chairman
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Honorable Kim H. Pizzigrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth
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Regulation 16A-626

State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

PROPOSAL: Regulation 16A-626 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 39, regulations of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. The amendment makes revisions to the schedule of Board fees by increasing fees for providing certain services, increasing examination fees effective January 1, 2000, and decreasing the fees in two instances.

Regulation 16A-626 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on October 2, 2000. The Professional Licensure Committee has until October 22, 2000, to approve or disapprove the regulation.

ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Sec. 7.1(a) of the Nursing Home Administrators License Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 1107.1(a), 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. Additionally, effective January 1, 2000, the actual contractual cost of the part of the licensure exam administered by the National Association of Boards of Nursing Home Administrators (NAB) will be increased. Accordingly, the Board proposes to amend the schedule of fees as follows:

<u>Application/Service</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
License Application Fee	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00
NAB Examination Fee	\$170.00	\$235.00 (1/1/2000)
Complete Nursing Home Administration Exam	\$212.00	\$322.00 (1/1/2000)
Temporary Permit Fee	\$150.00	\$145.00
Certification of Examination Scores	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
Verification of Licensure/Temporary Permit Fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Continuing Education Provider Application Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
Continuing Education Program Application Fee		
Per Credit	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00

The Committee requested an explanation as to the circumstances under which the Board would certify an examination score, 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 Committee requested an explanation as to why the proposed fees to be charged are always rounded up to the nearest five dollar increment. The Board explained that the rounding up process creates a minimal but necessary cushion or surplus to accommodate unexpected needs and expenditures.

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

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
October 4, 2000