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May 11, 2000

Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D, Chairperson
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: IRRC Regulation #16A-5710 (#2106)
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Examinations, Licensure, Fees

Dear Mr. Harpster:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation at its May 11, 2000 public meeting. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <http://www.irrc.state.pa.us>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Teresa Lazo-Miller
Joyce McKeever
Dorothy Childress
Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli

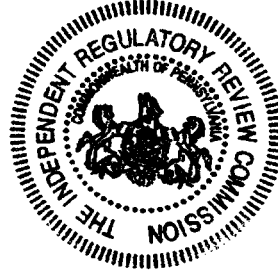
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Regulation No. 16A-5710

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

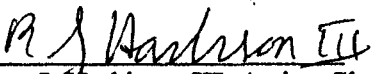
On April 7, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Sections 31.3(a), 31.11(b)(2), 31.12(b) and 31.41. The authority for this regulation is found in Sections 5(6) and 9(3) of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (63 P.S. §§ 485.5(6) and 485.9(3)). Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This regulation revises examination requirements for licensure as a veterinarian. The North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) will replace the existing National Board Examination and the Clinical Competency Test. The NAVLE is the uniform examination which will be required of all applicants for licensure in the United States and Canada. The fee for the NAVLE will be \$325. This regulation also eliminates the requirement that applicants for licensure take the Pennsylvania Veterinary Legal Practice Examination.

This regulation meets the criteria of the Regulatory Review Act.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulation No. 16A-5710 from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine, as submitted to the Commission on April 7, 2000, is approved; and
2. The Commission will transmit a copy of this Order to the Legislative Reference Bureau.


Robert J. Harbison, III, Acting Chairman