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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown 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 June 6, 2000, and voted to approve Regulation 16A-464 and Regulation 16A-5110. The Committee took no formal action on Regulation 16A-558 and Regulation 16A-579 until final form regulations are promulgated.

In addition, the Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-415 until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee notes an apparent error in the Board's statement that the fee increase will be effective for the 1999-2001 biennial period. Renewal fees for that period have already been collected. The new fee could not be collected until the 2001-2003 biennial period.

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

MJC/sms  
Enclosures

cc: Norbert O. Gannon, D.D.S., Chairman  
State Board of Dentistry  
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State Board of Nursing  
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**Regulation 16A-579**

**State Board of Veterinary Medicine**

**PROPOSAL:** Regulation 16A-579 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 31, regulations of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. The amendment makes revisions to the schedule of Board fees by increasing the fee for biennial license renewal for veterinarians and animal health technicians. The increases will be effective for the biennial renewal period commencing December 1, 2000.

The proposed Rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on May 13, 2000. The Professional Licensure Committee has until July 3, 2000, to submit comments on the regulation.

**ANALYSIS:** Pursuant to Sec. 13(a) of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 485.13(a), the Board is required to meet expenditures through revenues raised by fees, fines and civil penalties. The Board is required to increase fees so that projected revenues will meet or exceed projected expenditures. The Board states that the biennial license renewal fee is the most substantial revenue generating fee charged by the Board.

The Board reports that for fiscal year 1998-1999, the Board's expenses exceeded its revenues by \$81,541.82, and estimates that the deficit will increase to \$341,681.10 in fiscal year 1999-2000. The Board states that the increase in expenses occurred primarily in law enforcement and legal office costs. In order to recoup the 1999 deficit and offset the projected deficit, the Board proposes to increase the fee for biennial renewal of licenses for veterinarians from \$105.00 to \$225.00, and increase the fee for animal health technicians from \$30.00 to \$60.00.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that the Professional Licensure Committee take no formal action until final form regulations are promulgated.

House of Representatives  
Professional Licensure Committee  
May 13, 2000