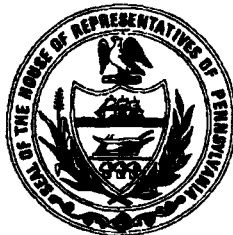


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Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on October 3, 2000, and voted to approve Regulation 16-20, Regulation 16A-414, Regulation 16A-579, and Regulation 16A-499.

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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**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.

Regulation 16A-579 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on September 18, 2000. The Professional Licensure Committee has until October 8, 2000, to approve or disapprove 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.

The Professional Licensure Committee had no comments to the proposed regulations.

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

House of Representatives  
Professional Licensure Committee  
September 21, 2000