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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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March 7, 2002

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

Re: Regulation #16A-5713 (IRRC #2160)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Examinations, Application for Licensure and Certification, Fees

Dear Chairman Harpster:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on March 7, 2002. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

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

Sincerely,

Alvin C. Bush  
Vice Chairman  
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Mario J. Civera, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable Clarence D. Bell, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable Michael C. Weaver, Acting Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 7, 2002

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Regulation No. 16A-5713  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Examinations, Application for Licensure  
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On October 26, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 31. The proposed regulation was published in the December 2, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 5, 2001. On October 24, 2001, the Board withdrew this final-form regulation. On February 11, 2002, the Board resubmitted the final-form regulation to the Commission.

This regulation eliminates the specific exam fee listings paid by applicants to take the required examinations for veterinarians and animal health technicians. It also adds criminal history and out-of-state licensure information as application requirements for certification of animal health technicians.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 485.11 and 485.13) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

This regulation is approved.



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Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman