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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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November 1, 2001

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

Re: Regulation #16A-5711 (IRRC #2164)
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Continuing Education

Dear Chairman Harpster:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on November 1, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at 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,

John R. McGinley, Jr.
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 & Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 1, 2001

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Regulation No. 16A-5711
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Continuing Education

On November 3, 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 § 31.15. The proposed regulation was published in the November 18, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. Pursuant to Section 5(e) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(e)), the Department resubmitted the proposed regulation on January 31, 2001. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 5, 2001.

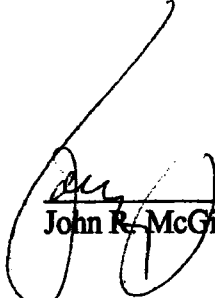
This rulemaking limits the number of continuing education credits from individual instruction programs. The new maximum allowance for these programs will be two credit hours per biennium. All licensees, approximately 3,000 licensed veterinarians and 800 animal health technicians, will have to comply with the regulation.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 485.18) 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.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman