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December 21, 2001

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harrisstown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

This is to advise you that the House Professional Licensure Committee was unable to convene a quorum in time to take formal action on Regulation 16A-444 and Regulation 16A-549. Committee members were forwarded a copy of the regulations and asked that they contact the Chairman with any comments or suggestions, however, none were received. Therefore, the Committee submits no comments.

Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario J. Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman
House Professional Licensure Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M., Chairperson
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Honorable Kim H. Pizzingrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth
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Regulation 16A-444

State Board of Podiatry

PROPOSAL: Regulation 16A-444 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 29, regulations of the State Board of Podiatry. The amendment identifies two nationally recognized examinations, taken in sequential order, as the current licensing examinations. The amendment also makes revisions to the schedule of Board fees by increasing certain fees, reducing one fee, adding certain fees for services for which there are currently no fees, and eliminating references to examination fees.

Regulation 16A-444 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on December 6, 2001. The Professional Licensure Committee has until December 26, 2001 to approve or disapprove the regulation.

ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Sec. 14 of the Podiatry Practice Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 42.14, 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. Fees for various services provided directly to applicants or licensees are based upon the actual charge of providing the service requested. The Board states that the following fees would be changed to reflect the actual cost of providing the service:

<u>Application/Service</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Initial License	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
License By Reciprocity	\$105.00	\$ 95.00
Application For Approval of Educational Conference	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Certification of Licensure or Scores	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00
Verification of License	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Application for Authorization to Perform Radiologic Procedures	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00

The Board's licensure examination has two parts. The first part is the examination given by the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners. Applicants who pass that part are then permitted to take the PM Lexis examination. Both are nationally recognized examinations, with fees established by the owners/providers of the exams. Since the Board has no control over the fees, specific references to the fees have been eliminated, and applicants directed to pay the fees directly to the providers.

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

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
December 17, 2001