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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 10, 2002

Jeffrey S. Gerland, D.P.M., Chairman State Board of Podiatry 116 Pine Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #16A-444 (IRRC #2181) State Board of Podiatry Fees

Dear Chairman Gerland:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on January 10, 2002. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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 evp Enclosure cc: Honorable Ma

: 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 Kim Pizzingrilli, Secretary, Department of State

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held: January 10, 2002

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman, by Phone Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli Robert J. Harbison, III

Regulation No. 16A-444 State Board of Podiatry Fees

On March 23, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Podiatry (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 29. The proposed regulation was published in the April 7, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on December 6, 2001.

The Board is required to establish fees that cover expenditures over a biennial period. Some Board-collected fees have been changed to address these expenditures. The Board is also changing the collection practice of one fee and adding another, based on changes in administrative practice.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Podiatry (63 P.S. § 42.14(a)) 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.



Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman