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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown 2  
333 Market Street  
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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 Regulations 16A-658 and 16A-5713. 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 cursive script that reads "Mario J. Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman  
House Professional Licensure Committee

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Enclosures

cc: James J. Irrgang, Chairperson  
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**Regulation 16A-658**

**State Board of Physical Therapy**

**PROPOSAL:** Regulation 16A-658 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 40, regulations of the State Board of Physical Therapy. The amendment deletes references to the costs of licensure examination because those fees are set by the professional testing organizations and not by the Board.

Regulation 16A-658 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on February 11, 2002. The Professional Licensure Committee has until March 3, 2002 to approve or disapprove the regulation.

**ANALYSIS:** The Board proposes to amend Section 40.5, the Board's schedule of fees, by deleting references to the fees for the licensure examinations for physical therapists, athletic trainers and physical therapist assistants. These fees are currently \$345, \$83.75 and \$330 respectively. The Board indicates that over the past several years, national uniform examinations have been developed for every category of license the Board issues. The fees for the examinations are established by the national examiners and communicated directly to applicants. Applicants pay the examination fees directly to the national examiners. Since the fees are not set by the Board, it is impractical for the Board to continue to reference the fees in its regulations.

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

House of Representatives  
Professional Licensure Committee  
February 25, 2002