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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

July 5, 2001

James J. Irrgang, PT/ATC Chairman
State Board of Physical Therapy
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #16A-658 (IRRC #2191)
State Board of Physical Therapy
Examination Fees

Dear Chairman Irrgang:

Enclosed are our Comments. They will soon be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

Our Comments list objections and suggestions for consideration when you prepare the final version of this regulation. We have also specified the regulatory criteria which have not been met. These Comments are not a formal approval or disapproval of the proposed version of this regulation.

If you would like to discuss these Comments, please contact my office at 783-5417.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Nyce
Executive Director

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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
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Honorable Kim Pizzingrilli, Secretary, Department of State

Comments of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission

on

State Board of Physical Therapy Regulation No. 16A-658

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We submit for your consideration the following objections and recommendations regarding this regulation. Each objection or recommendation includes a reference to the criteria in the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5a(h) and (i)) which have not been met. The State Board of Physical Therapy (Board) must respond to these Comments when it submits the final-form regulation. If the final-form regulation is not delivered by June 4, 2003, the regulation will be deemed withdrawn.

Remaining language in Chapter 40 - Clarity.

The Board is proposing to delete three examination fees in Section 40.5. However, there is language in the existing Chapter 40, which refers to those fees and examinations. The language appears in the following sections:

Section 40.13. Areas of examination.

Section 40.14. Failure; reexamination.

Section 40.15. Examinations.

Section 40.16. Licensure by endorsement.

To be consistent with the Board's proposal and to provide clarity to the readers of Chapter 40, the Board should also delete the language pertaining to the deleted fees and examinations from the above sections.