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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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October 24, 2002

Thomas F. Matta, Ph.D., Chairperson
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #16A-695 (IRRC #2208)
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Fees

Dear Chairperson Matta:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation today. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", is written over a printed name and title.

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 Charles W. Dent, Acting Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional
Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional
Licensure Committee
Honorable C. Michael Weaver, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 24, 2002

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Regulation No. 16A-695
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and
Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Fees

On August 9, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapters 47, 48 and 49. The proposed regulation was published in the August 25, 2001 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 3, 2002.

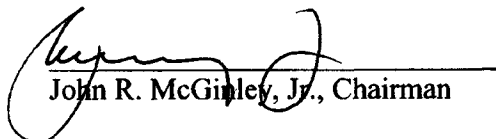
The Board is: adding licensure fees for Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors; increasing fees to cover the Board's costs associated with licensure applications for social workers and applications for approval as a provider of a continuing education course or program; and applying the general provisions in Chapter 47 (relating to Social Workers) to Chapter 48 (relating to Marriage and Family Therapists) and to Chapter 49 (relating to Professional Counselors).

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1906(2)) 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