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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harristown 2
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on October 22, 2002, and voted to approve Regulations 16A-695, 16A-424 and 16A-6310.

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: Thomas F. Matta, Ph.D., Chairperson
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Regulation 16A-6310

State Board of Psychology

PROPOSAL: Regulation 16A-6310 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 41, regulations of the State Board of Psychology. The amendments are proposed due to the recent computerization of the national portion of the psychology licensure examination, which is now offered 4 times a year.

Regulation 16A-6310 is Final Rulemaking which was delivered to the Professional Licensure Committee on October 3, 2002. The Professional Licensure Committee has until October 23, 2002 to approve or disapprove the regulation.

ANALYSIS: The Board proposes to amend Section 41.41(a) to clarify that the psychology licensure examination is composed of a national and state portion. Sections 41.41(b) and (c) would be deleted in that these provisions are governed by the Third Party Testing Law, 71 P.S. Sec. 279.3a(a), and the Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Secs. 12101-12213.

Sec. 41.42(a), pertaining to re-examination after a first-time failure, would be amended to clarify that candidates may take a second examination after paying the appropriate reapplication fee, but must wait at least 6 months but no more than 2 years to re-take the examination. Sec. 41.42(b) currently pertains to re-examination after 2 failures. This section would be amended to be applicable to all subsequent failures, that applicants may reapply to take any portion of the examination after 60 days following the failure, that applicants file a verification of experience form, and that applicants pay the appropriate reapplication fee. Sec. 41.42(d) would be amended to provide that applicants could sit for no more than 4 examinations in any 1-year period.

Sec. 41.52, pertaining to licensees of other states, would be amended to change the word "written" to "national portion of" the examination, since that exam is now computerized.

In reviewing Regulations 16A-6310 in proposed form, the Committee offered a number of comments directed toward apparent inconsistent or confusing provisions. The Board has resolved these problems in the final form version.

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

House of Representatives
Professional Licensure Committee
October 15, 2002