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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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November 21, 2002

Honorable Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., Secretary
Department of Agriculture
211 Agriculture Building
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #2-135 (IRRC #2241)
Department of Agriculture
Dog Licensure

Dear Secretary Hayes:

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 black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

John R. McGinley, Jr.
Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Raymond Bunt, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Peter J. Daley, II, Democratic Chairman, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Mike Waugh, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Michael A. O'Pake, Minority Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 21, 2002

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Regulation No. 2-135
Department of Agriculture
Dog Licensure

On December 21, 2001, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking amends 7 Pa. Code Chapter 21. The proposed regulation was published in the January 5, 2002 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 21, 2002.

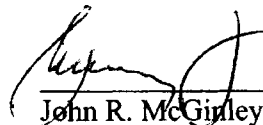
This regulation amends the dog licensure regulations to make them consistent with licensure requirements in Act 151 of 1996. Specifically, the regulation establishes procedures for obtaining a lifetime license when a dog is implanted with a microchip. It also updates record keeping requirements.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (3 P.S. § 459-201(b)) 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