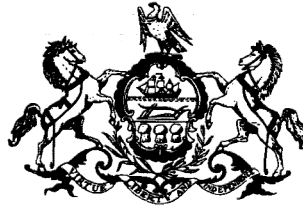


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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on March 26, 2002.

The Committee voted to approve Regulation 16A-639, State Board of Psychology.

In addition, the Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-445, State Board of Podiatry, until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee notes that although the Board has not increased renewal fees since December of 1992, the proposed increase would more than double the current fee. The Committee questions why the need for an increase was not recognized or anticipated by the Board at an earlier time so that needed increases could be phased in rather than resorting to one dramatic increase. The Committee also notes that by the fiscal year 2005-2006, the Board's projected expenditures will be \$53,000 more than the fiscal year 2000-2001. The Committee requests an explanation of the estimated expenditures of the Board that would necessitate such a sharp increase.

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: Alex M. Siegel, J.D., Ph.D., Chairman  
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**Regulation 16A-445**

**State Board of Podiatry**

**PROPOSAL:** Regulation 16A-445 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 29, regulations of the State Board of Podiatry. The amendment revises the schedule of Board fees by increasing the fee for biennial license renewal from \$175 to \$395.

The proposed Rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on February 16, 2002. The Professional Licensure Committee has until April 8, 2002 to submit comments on the regulation.

**ANALYSIS:** Pursuant to Sec. 14 of the Podiatry Practice Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 42.14, the Board is required to meet expenditures through revenues raised by fees, fines and civil penalties. The Board is required to increase fees so that projected revenues will meet or exceed projected expenditures. The Board states that biennial renewal fee, which is the most substantial revenue generating fee charged by the Board, was last increased on December 26, 1992. At the current rate, the Board projects a deficit of \$21,534.73 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, with even greater deficits in future periods. The Board estimates that the proposed fee increase will enable it to recapture the current deficit, meet estimated expenditures for the 2003-2005 biennial cycle, and generate a surplus of approximately \$83,000 at the end of that period.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that the Professional Licensure Committee take no formal action until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee notes that although the Board has not increased renewal fees since December of 1992, the proposed increase would more than double the current fee. The Committee questions why the need for an increase was not recognized or anticipated by the Board at an earlier time so that needed increases could be phased in rather than resorting to one dramatic increase. The Committee also notes that by the fiscal year 2005-2006, the Board's projected expenditures will be \$53,000 more than the fiscal year 2000-2001. The Committee requests an explanation of the estimated expenditures of the Board that would necessitate such a sharp increase.

House of Representatives  
Professional Licensure Committee  
March 6, 2002