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

June 13, 2002

Daniel D. Dowd, Jr., D.O., Chairman
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
116 Pine Street
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #16A-5311 (IRRC #2274)
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Biennial Renewal Fees

Dear Chairman Dowd:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on June 13, 2002. 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,



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 Clarence D. Bell, 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, Acting Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 13, 2002

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Regulation No.16A-5311
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Biennial Renewal Fees

On May 22, 2002, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this regulation from the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 25. Notice of proposed rulemaking was omitted for this regulation; it will become effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

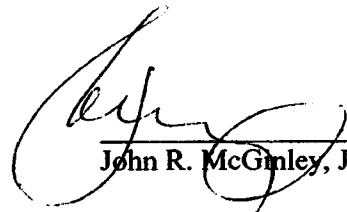
This regulation increases the biennial renewal fees for osteopathic physicians from \$140 to \$440. The fee increase is necessary for the Board's revenues to meet expenditures as a result of the recently enacted Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act (Act 13 of 2002). An estimated \$5.4 million dollars is required for the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and the State Board of Medicine to process and review 7,000 to 8,000 cases annually.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 271.13a(a)) 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