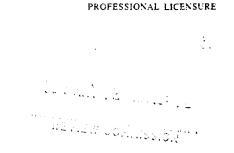
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CHAIRMAN

May 8, 2003

John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 14th Floor, Harristown 2 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on May 6, 2003.

The Committee voted to approve Regulation 16A-7012, State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

The Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-4811, State Board of Funeral Directors, until final form regulations are promulgated.

The Committee voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5714, State Board of Veterinary Medicine, until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee submits the following comments:

- 1. The Committee recommends that the proposed amendments incorporate the increase in required continuing education clock hours established with the enactment of Act 167 of 2002.
- 2. The Committee recommends that the proposed amendments incorporate the change of "certified animal health technician" to "certified veterinary technician" established with the enactment of Act 167 of 2002.

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Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Gannon, Chairman House Professional Licensure

## Committee

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## Regulation 16A-5714

## **State Board of Veterinary Medicine**

**PROPOSAL:** Regulation 16A-5714 amends 49 PA Code, Chapter 31, regulations of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. The amendment would add continuing education providers approved by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and included on the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) to the list of Board pre-approved providers for veterinarian and animal health technician continuing education.

The proposed Rulemaking was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 15, 2003.

ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Section 18 of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, 63 P.S. Sec. 485.18, veterinarians are required to complete 30 clock hours of continuing education per biennium for license renewal. Certified animal health technicians, now called certified veterinary technicians, are required to complete 16 clock hours. The Board proposes to add providers listed on the RACE of the AAVSB to the list of pre-approved continuing education providers, having found that the AAVSB standards are equivalent to the standards employed by the Board for pre-approval, and are of consistently high educational quality.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**: It is recommended that the Professional Licensure Committee take no formal action until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee offers the following comments:

- 1. The Committee recommends that the proposed amendments incorporate the increase in required continuing education clock hours established with the enactment of Act 167 of 2002.
- 2. The Committee recommends that the proposed amendments incorporate the change of "certified animal health technician" to "certified veterinary technician" established with the enactment of Act 167 of 2002.

House of Representatives Professional Licensure Committee April 28, 2003