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Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D., Chairman
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
2601 North 3rd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5714 (IRRC #2334)
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Continuing Education Provider Approval

Dear Chairman Harpster:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today.
Our Order is enclosed and will be 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,

Alvin C. Bush
Vice Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional
Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and
Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure
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Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure
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Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held December 4, 2003

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Regulation No. 16A-5714
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Continuing Education Provider Approval

On March 5, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 31. The proposed regulation was published in the March 15, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 28, 2003.

This regulation amends the list of the pre-approved continuing education providers by adding the Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. The Board also updated continuing education hours and the certification title to "certified veterinary technician" to be consistent with Act 167 of 2002.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (63 P.S. §§ 485.5(2), 485.11 and 485.18) 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.





Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman