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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

November 3, 2005

Janice H. Mannal, FD, Chairperson State Board of Funeral Directors 2601 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-489 (IRRC #2356) State Board of Funeral Directors Continuing Education

Dear Chairperson Mannal:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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., Esq. Chairman

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 Committee
- Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 3, 2005

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Regulation No. 16A-489 State Board of Funeral Directors Continuing Education

On September 3, 2003, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Funeral Directors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 13. The proposed regulation was published in the September 13, 2003 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on March 11, 2005 and withdrawn on March 23, 2005. The final-form regulation was resubmitted on September 30, 2005.

This rulemaking implements continuing education requirements for funeral directors as mandated by Act 48 of 2000.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§479.10(b)(1) and 479.16(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., Esq., Chairman