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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
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333 Market Street  
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

I am writing to inform you that the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting on January 27, 2004 on the following:

Regulation **16A-5117** – Final Rulemaking of the State Board of Nursing pertaining to continuing education for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners was withdrawn by the Board in order to make clarifications suggested by IRRC.

The Committee voted to approve Regulation **16A-529** – Final Rulemaking of the State Board of Optometry pertaining to continuing education.

The Committee voted to approve **Regulation 16A-425** – Final Rulemaking of the State Board of Barber Examiners pertaining to deletion of examination fees.

The Committee voted to take no formal action on **Regulation 16A-6510** – Proposed Rulemaking of the State Board of Physical Therapy pertaining to Certificate of Authorization to practice without referral until final form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee submits the following comments:

1. The Committee notes the comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association (PPTA) relevant to the Board's definition of "continuous practice" as a minimum of 200 hours each year in the delivery of direct patient care. The Committee asks if the Board has given consideration to the concerns of the PPTA that this standard would disqualify otherwise qualified licensees who are currently practicing in management, research or academic settings from obtaining certificates of authorization.
2. The Committee notes the comments submitted by the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PMS) regarding the omission of statutory language pertaining to the prohibition against treatment of certain conditions, and language outlining the standards for referral to a licensed physician or other appropriate health care provider. The Committee asks if the Board has given consideration to the concerns raised by the PMS in that regard.

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The Committee voted to take no formal action on **Regulation 16A-569** – Proposed Rulemaking of the State Real Estate Commission pertaining to deletion of examination fees until final form regulations are promulgated.

The Committee voted to take no formal action on **Regulation 16A-628** – Proposed Rulemaking of the State Board of Nursing Home Administrators pertaining to deletion and correction of fees until final form regulations are promulgated.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Gannon".

Thomas P. Gannon  
Chairman  
House Professional Licensure Committee

TPG/sjh  
Enclosures

cc: Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Department of State  
Janet H. Shields, RN, Chairperson  
State Board of Nursing  
Steven J. Reto, O.D., Chairman  
State Board of Optometry  
Lee Cameroni, Chairperson  
State Board of Barber Examiners  
James J. Irrgang, PT/ATC, Chairperson  
State Board of Physical Therapy  
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State Real Estate Commission  
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State Board of Nursing Home Administrators