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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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November 4, 2004

Brian V. Harpster, V.M.D., Chairman  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
2601 North 3rd Street  
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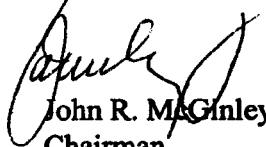
Re: Regulation #16A-5715 (IRRC #2391)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Implanting Electronic Identification; Veterinary Technician

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](http://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 Thomas P. Gannon, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable William W. Rieger, Democratic Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
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 Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 4, 2004

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Regulation No. 16A-5715  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Implanting Electronic Identification;  
Veterinary Technician

On February 24, 2004, 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 6, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 1, 2004.

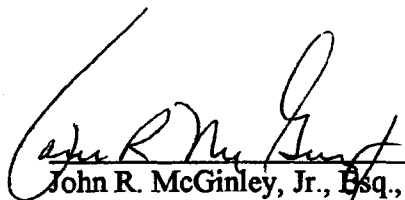
This regulation permits certified veterinary technicians and noncertified veterinary employees to implant electronic identification into animals under certain levels of veterinary supervision. It also updates terminology to be consistent with amendments to the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act (63 P.S. § 485.1, *et seq.*).

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 485.3(10)(viii) and 485.5(2)) 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