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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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January 5, 2006

Charles D. Hummer, Jr., M.D., Chairman
State Board of Medicine
2601 North 3rd Street
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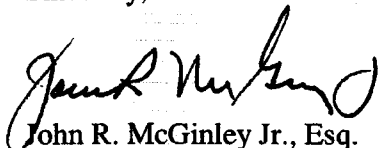
Re: Regulation #16A-4917 (IRRC #2420)
State Board of Medicine
Licensure of Medical Doctors

Dear Chairman Hummer:

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,



John R. McGinley Jr., Esq.

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 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 January 5, 2006

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Regulation No. 16A-4917
State Board of Medicine
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On August 23, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Medicine. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 17.1, 17.2, 17.5 and 17.9. The proposed regulation was published in the September 4, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on November 28, 2005.

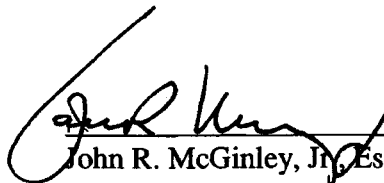
This regulation amends the licensure requirements for foreign medical school graduates and licensure by endorsement.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board of Medicine (63 P.S. § 422.8) 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