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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
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June 7, 2007

Thomas J. McGrath, DVM, Chairman  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
2601 North 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5716 (IRRC #2530)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Certified Veterinary Technician Specialist

Dear Chairman McGrath:

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,

Arthur Coccodrilli

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 P. Michael Sturla, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee  
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held June 7, 2007

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Regulation No. 16A-5716 (#2530)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Certified Veterinary Technician Specialist

On March 8, 2006, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 31.1 and 31.38. The proposed regulation was published in the March 18, 2006 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 3, 2007.


This regulation adds a provision to the existing "code of ethics" for certified veterinary technicians (CVTs) that prohibits CVTs from making "a false, deceptive or misleading statement or claim" that they are specialists if they do not hold a current certification from a specialty organization recognized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 485.11) 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.



  
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman