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Mr. Kim Kaufman
Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Regulation 16A-4817
State Board of Funeral Directors
Renewal Fee

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-4817 until final regulation is promulgated and submit the following comments:

1. Regulation 16A-4817 outlined three possible scenarios for fee increases, ie., an increase from the current \$185 to \$230, \$280 or \$325. If the Board were to adopt a \$230 fee, the budget office projected continuing deficits resulting in a deficit of \$2,486,569 at the end of fiscal year 2016-2017. Adoption of an increase in biennial renewal fees to \$280 would be projected to result in a surplus of \$63,801 by the end of fiscal year 2010-2011, but a deficit of \$847,319 at the end of fiscal year 2016-2017. Increasing the biennial renewal fee to \$325 would result in a surplus for all renewal periods, with a \$628,006 surplus at the end of fiscal year 2016-2017. The Committee questions the need to build in the surplus projected in the renewal increase to \$325 and asks if a fee between \$280 and \$325 would still result in an acceptable surplus.
2. The committee notes that the greater increases in actual and projected expenses have occurred in the legal office and enforcement and investigation. The Committee would like further information as to the reasons for these increases, including the number and type of enforcement activities.
3. The Committee also asks whether the adoption of the \$325 biennial fee is planned to therefore not increase fees for a ten year period.

Sincerely,

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P. Michael Sturla
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

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