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The Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
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Re: Withdrawal of Final Regulation  
State Board of Funeral Directors  
16A-4815: Preneed Funeral Arrangements

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

On September 21, 2009, the State Board of Funeral Directors delivered the referenced final rulemaking. Neither the House Professional Licensure Committee nor the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee took action. At its meeting October 22, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission disapproved the final rulemaking because, as more fully explained in its order dated November 4, 2009, IRRC concluded that promulgation of this rulemaking is not in the public interest.

At its meeting November 5, 2009, the Board attempted to revise the rulemaking in accordance with section 7(c) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.7(c)). However, at its meeting December 2, 2009, the Board determined that adequately addressing the issues raised by IRRC would require significant and substantial revisions to the rulemaking, which would be extremely difficult to accomplish within the 40-day period available under the Regulatory Review Act. The Board also understands that appropriate rulemaking can be better achieved by restarting the rulemaking process unencumbered by the limitations of the proposed rulemaking and with greater opportunity for public input. Accordingly, the Board now withdraws this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Yeosock, FD, Chairperson  
State Board of Funeral Directors

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