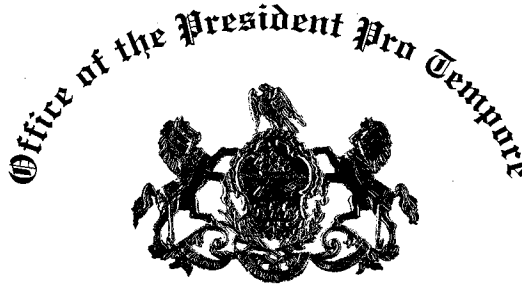


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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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RE: IRRC # 2760, Proposed Regulation 16A-4816

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing in support of the State Board of Funeral Directors proposed regulation 16A-4816. This proposed regulation governs the activities of unlicensed employees in sales of funeral services made in advance of their need.

In *Walker vs. Fenton*, the U.S. District Court noted the need to clarify the duties of unlicensed employees in the funeral industry. This proposed regulation is intended to address this issue and clarify these duties.

In addition, state and appellate courts have ruled that, under state law, only licensed funeral directors can sell pre-need funeral services, merchandise, and cremation services. Proposed Regulation 16A-4816 is consistent with and codifies these rulings.

Over the past four years the State Board of Funeral Directors has sought public input from all interested parties, resulting in this proposed regulation which enjoys the support of the funeral industry and organizations representing substantial portions of the general public. It is with these considerations in mind that I support this proposed regulation and recommend a favorable review by the IRRC.

Sincerely,

Joe Scarnati
State Senator – 25th District

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