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## INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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June 3, 2010

Robin J. Bernstein, Esq., Chair  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
2601 North 3rd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5722 (IRRC #2787)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Responsibility to Clients and Patients

Dear Ms. Bernstein:

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, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Michael P. McGeehan, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Julie Harhart, 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 3, 2010

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Regulation No. 16A-5722 (#2787)  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Responsibility to Clients and Patients

On September 2, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 31. The proposed regulation was published in the September 19, 2009 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 19, 2010.

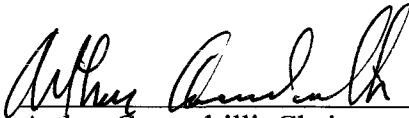
The regulation updates the Rules of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians, including those rules relating to veterinarians and their responsibility to clients and patients.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§485.5 2(2) and 485.21(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