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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

November 18, 2010

Robert D. Jantsch, Chair
State Board of Massage Therapy
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-721 (IRRC #2843)
State Board of Massage Therapy
Massage Therapy

Dear Mr. Jantsch:

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.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Senator Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Senator Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Representative Julie Harhart, Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Representative Michael P. McGeehan, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Basil L. Merenda, Acting Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 18, 2010

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Regulation No. 16A-721 (#2843)
State Board of Massage Therapy
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On April 27, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Massage Therapy Board (Board). This rulemaking adds Chapter 20 to 49 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the May 8, 2010 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 18, 2010.

This regulation sets forth standards for the practice of massage therapy, as mandated by the Massage Therapy Law.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 627.50) 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.



Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman