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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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October 21, 2010

Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-51 (IRRC #2844)
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Schedule of Civil Penalties - Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians

Dear Commissioner Merenda:

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,

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

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 21, 2010

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Regulation No. 16A-51 (#2844)
Bureau of Professional and Occupational
Affairs
Schedule of Civil Penalties - Veterinarians and
Veterinary Technicians

On April 27, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 43b.21a. 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 September 10, 2010.

This regulation establishes in regulation a schedule of civil penalties for violations relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and certified veterinary technicians.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (63 P.S. §2205(a)) 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