

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 20, 2012

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Regulation No. 16A-5725 (#2909)
State Board of Veterinary Medicine
Professional Conduct; Notice of Animal
Supervision

On September 6, 2011, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 31.21, Principle 7. The proposed regulation was published in the September 17, 2011 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 13, 2012.

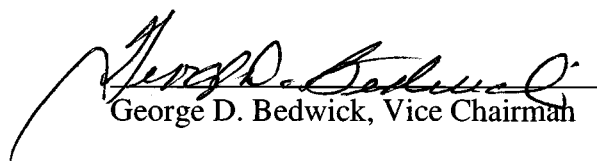
This regulation updates the rules for professional conduct for veterinarians relating to the veterinarian's responsibility to provide clients with information pertaining to after-hours supervision of animals admitted to the veterinarian's facility.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§ 485.5 (1), 485.5 (2), and 485.21(12)) 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.




George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman