

Veto No. 2004-10

HB 2442

December 1, 2004

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 2442, Printer's No.4806, entitled "An act amending the act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), entitled, as reenacted, 'An act providing for independent oversight and review of regulations, creating an Independent Regulatory Review Commission, providing for its powers and duties and making repeals,' further providing for definitions, for composition and for proposed regulations and procedure for review."

I take this action today because under current law, the members of the Commission elect the Chair of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. I have received no evidence that the Commission's election process for Chair is flawed. As a result, I am not prepared to sign into law a bill with the language included in section 2(g)(2) and (3) of House Bill 2442 mandating the creation of a Vice Chair and further mandating that a vacancy in the office of the Chair must be filled by the Vice Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term and until a successor is elected.

I am impressed with the hard work of the members of the Commission and believe their guidance on the structure and operation of the Commission is warranted before any legislation is passed affecting this structure.

For the reason set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 2442, Printer's No.4806.

EDWARD G. RENDELL