



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11 VAC 10-100-30
<b>Regulation title</b>	Horses
<b>Action title</b>	To amend chapter 100
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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

This section states that a Thoroughbred horse must have a lip tattoo for identification purposes in order to start in a race. The amended language allows for the use of a microchip implanted in a Thoroughbred horse's neck to be used instead of a lip tattoo for identification purposes. This is being done to accommodate horses from Europe and other countries where microchips are now being used for the identification of racehorses.

### Statement of final agency action

*Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.*

On February 21, 2007, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11 VAC 10-100-30 (Lip tattoo requirements) at its regular monthly meeting.

### Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

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The amendment to this section will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.