



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11VAC10-50-60
Regulation title	Racing Officials
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Patrol Judges
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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.

The amendments to this chapter change the requirement of having at least three patrol judges for Thoroughbred racing to a sufficient number of patrol judges as approved by the Commission. Patrol judges are not required in most other jurisdictions throughout the United States. The amended language still allows for the Commission to require the use of patrol judges at certain racecourses in Virginia when warranted.

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 January 17, 2012, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-50-60 (Patrol judge) at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

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

These amendments will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.