



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11 VAC 10-140-12, 11 VAC 10-140-15, 11 VAC 10-140-210
Regulation title	Flat Racing
Action title	To amend Chapter 140
Final agency action date	February 21, 2007
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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.

Section 210 of this chapter defines interference during the running of a race. The word willfully has been removed because whether or not the interference is willful, it should still be considered interference if the incident affects the outcome of the race in order to better protect the betting public.

Sections 12 and 15 have been added to require the use of safety equipment for not only the jockeys riding in a race, but for the exercise riders in the morning and people who load the horses into the starting gate before the start of each race.

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 10-140-12, 11 VAC 10-140-15, and 11 VAC 10-140-210 (Safety helmets, Safety vests, and Interference) 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.