



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11VAC10-110-90
<b>Regulation title</b>	Entries
<b>Action title</b>	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Coupling of Entries
<b>Final agency action date</b>	April 15, 2009
<b>Document preparation date</b>	May 5, 2009

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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.*

These amendments are being made to lift the requirement that horses with common ties through ownership must be coupled in Thoroughbred stakes races with purse amounts of \$50,000 or higher. These amendments will make the regulations in Virginia more consistent with those of other jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic region.

### 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.*

The Virginia Racing Commission voted to adopt these amendments to 11VAC10-110-90(Coupling) as proposed and final on April 15, 2009 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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These amendments will not have any impact on the family or family stability.