



## Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
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<b>Regulation title</b>	Flat Racing
<b>Action title</b>	To amend Chapter 140
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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 320 and 330 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.

## Family impact

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

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