



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11 VAC 10-150-12, 11 VAC 10-150-15
<b>Regulation title</b>	Harness Racing
<b>Action title</b>	To amend Chapter 150
<b>Final agency action date</b>	February 21, 2007
<b>Document preparation date</b>	April 19, 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.*

Sections 12 and 15 have been added to this chapter to require the use of safety equipment for the drivers of the Standardbred horses. The use of the specified equipment will be required whether they are driving in an actual race or just exercising a horse in the morning.

The specifications for the safety equipment were taken from the Model Rules of Racing, which were written by the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

### 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.*

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On February 21, 2007, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11 VAC 10-150-12 and 11 VAC 10-150-15 (Safety helmets and Safety Vests) 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 an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.