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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	11VAC10-50-50
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Pertaining to Horse Racing With Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Racing Officials
Final agency action date	August 18, 2016
Date this document prepared	August 23, 2016

When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA) or an agency's basic statute, the agency is not required, however, is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. Note: While posting this form on the Town Hall is optional, the agency must comply with requirements of the Virginia Register Act, Executive Orders 17 (2014) and 58 (1999), and the *Virginia Register Form, Style, and Procedure Manual*.

Brief summary

Please provide a brief summary of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Chapter 50 is being amended in order to give the stewards the authority to allow for horses not to be saddled in the paddock when deemed necessary mainly due to safety concerns. This rule change was recommended by the Virginia Racing Commission's Racing Safety and Medication Committee.

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 August 18, 2016, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-50-50 (Paddock judge) at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

Please assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability including to what extent the regulatory action will: 1) strengthen or erode the authority and rights of parents in the education, nurturing, and supervision of their children; 2) encourage or discourage economic self-sufficiency, self-pride, and the assumption of responsibility for oneself, one's spouse, and one's children and/or elderly parents; 3) strengthen or erode the marital commitment; and 4) increase or decrease disposable family income.

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