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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	11VAC10-150-190
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Pertaining to Horse Racing With Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Harness Racing
Final agency action date	August 17, 2017
Date this document prepared	August 21, 2017

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of the proposed new regulation, proposed amendments to the existing regulation, or the regulation proposed to be repealed.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 150 is being amended in order to give the stewards the authority to extend the requirement for a harness horse having to qualify from 30 to 45 days for a particular race or race meet. This rule change will put Virginia's rules in line with surrounding states. This rule change was requested by the Virginia Harness Horse Association.

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 17, 2017, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-150-190 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.