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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	11 VAC 10-180-35, 11 VAC10-180-70, 11VAC10-180-72
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Regulations Pertaining Horse Racing With Pari-Mutuel Wagering
<b>Action title</b>	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Medication
<b>Final agency action date</b>	June 25, 2020
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	July 6, 2020

Although a regulatory action may be exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the *Code of Virginia*, the agency is still encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form. However, the agency may still be required to comply with the Virginia Register Act, Executive Order 14 (as amended, July 16, 2018), the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1VAC7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

Chapter 180 is being amended to be in compliance with the regulations of other states in the Mid-Atlantic region. These changes are being made to help protect the welfare of the horses.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). "Mandate" is defined as "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

N/A

### Statement of Final Agency Action

*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 June 25, 2020, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-180-35 (Prohibited practices), and 11VAC10-180-70 (Phenylbutazone, flunixin, and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), and 11VAC 10-180-72 (Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDS) at its regular monthly meeting.