



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11VAC10-180-25, 11VAC10-180-35, 11VAC10-180-60, 11VAC10-180-70, 11VAC10-180-75, and 11VAC10-180-80
Regulation title	Regulations Pertaining to Horse Racing With Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to Medication
Final agency action date	September 25, 2013
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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.

Chapter 180 is being amended to set uniform thresholds for a determined list of controlled therapeutic medications and provide for a point system to track medication violations in order to assist the Racing Commission in Virginia and other jurisdictions in determining whether additional penalties are appropriate for licensees with multiple violations of the medication rules. These amendments will make Virginia's medication rules consistent with nine other states in the Mid-Atlantic region. Consistency of medication rules in the Mid-Atlantic region will benefit horsemen that race their horses in more than one jurisdiction in this region as they will only have to remember and follow one set of rules concerning the medication of race horses.

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 September 25, 2013, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-180-25 (Veterinary practices), 11VAC10-180-35 (Prohibited practices), 11VAC10-180-60 (Medications and prohibited substances), 11VAC10-180-70 (Phenylbutazone, Flunixin, and other NSAIDS), 11VAC10-180-75 (Androgenic and anabolic steroids), and 11VAC10-180-80 (Permitted race day substances) at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

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

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