



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11VAC10-20-190
<b>Regulation title</b>	Regulations Pertaining to Horse Racing with Pari-Mutuel Wagering
<b>Action title</b>	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Requirement of a Human Ambulance during the Exercising of Standardbred Horses
<b>Final agency action date</b>	January 17, 2012
<b>Document preparation date</b>	February 6, 2012

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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.*

The amendments to this chapter change the requirement of having a human ambulance present at the racetrack during the exercising or training of Standardbred (Harness) horses. The risk of human injury is much less when training Standardbred horses as compared to the training of Thoroughbred horses. This rule change will affect Standardbred (Harness) exercising only and was endorsed by the Virginia Harness Horsemen's Association as well as by the unlimited licensee, Colonial Downs.

### 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 January 17, 2012, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-20-190 (Criteria for unlimited horse racing facilities) 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.