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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation(s)	11VAC10-60-15
Regulation title(s)	Regulations Pertaining to Horse Racing With Pari-Mutuel Wagering
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Fee Schedule for Permit Holders
Final agency action date	October 2, 2019
Date this document prepared	October 10, 2019

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Brief Summary

Please 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 60 is being amended to make all permit fees zero beginning in the year 2020. Eliminating the permit fees will have many benefits to Virginia and its horse racing participants by providing an incentive for more out-of-state horsemen race in Virginia, which in turn will not only increase pari-mutuel wagering, but also the tourism and agricultural industries as a result of more horsemen staying in hotels and eating in restaurants during the racing seasons, in addition to them buying more hay, straw, feed, and other supplies for their 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 October 2, 2019, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-60-15 at its regular monthly meeting.