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Exempt Action Proposed Regulation
Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
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Regulation title	Stewards and Appeals to the Commission
Action title	To amend chapters 70 and 90
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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 chapters 70 and 90 clarify the authority of the stewards appointed by the Virginia Racing Commission to enforce and interpret the Commission's regulations. The definition of "participant" has been added which provides that certain individuals associated with a horse that is entered to run in Virginia shall be considered as participants and come under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Additionally, the amendments provide the authority of the Commission to take disciplinary actions through stewards or at a meeting at which a quorum is present and clarify that such disciplinary actions must be determined by a preponderance of the evidence. These amendments are being made in order to conform with the changes that were made to the Code of Virginia on July 1, 2005 as provided for in SB 1270 Virginia Racing Commission.

Family impact

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

These amendments will have no impact on the family or family stability.