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## Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11 VAC 10-150-210, 11 VAC 10-150-220
<b>Regulation title</b>	Harness Racing
<b>Action title</b>	To amend Chapter 150
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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.*

Sections 210 and 220 have been added to this chapter to require the use of safety equipment for the drivers of the Standardbred horses. The use of the specified equipment will be required whether they are driving in an actual race or just exercising a horse in the morning.

The specifications for the safety equipment were taken from the Model Rules of Racing, which were written by the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

## Family impact

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

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The amendments to this chapter will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.