

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

August 23, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. MOSLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Racing and Wagering

AN ACT to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, in relation to equine drug testing regulations and prohibiting striking a horse during a race

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 902 of the racing, pari-mutuel
2 wagering and breeding law, as amended by section 2 of part JJ of chapter
3 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. In order to assure the public's confidence and continue the high
5 degree of integrity in racing at the pari-mutuel betting tracks, equine
6 drug testing at race meetings shall be conducted by a state college or
7 at a land grant university within this state. The gaming commission
8 shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the
9 provisions of this section, including administrative penalties of loss
10 of purse money, fines, or denial, suspension or revocation of a license
11 for racing drugged horses. Such regulations shall, at a minimum,
12 include:

13 (a) a requirement that horses shall be allowed sufficient time to
14 recuperate from normal exercise-induced micro-damage to the bones and
15 any other injuries; and

16 (b) no horse shall receive any therapeutic medication or invasive
17 treatment within the two weeks before a race or a workout where such
18 horse shall be running at a racing pace.

19 § 2. The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law is amended by
20 adding a new section 912 to read as follows:

21 § 912. Prohibition on striking horses. No person participating in a
22 race pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall strike a horse
23 with a riding crop, whip or similar implement, for the purpose of urging

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 such horse to move forward or to increase the pace at which such horse
2 is moving forward.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
5 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
6 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
7 on or before such effective date.