



**RULE-MAKING ORDER
PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

**CR-103P (December 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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Agency: Washington Horse Racing Commission

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

31 days after filing.

Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: To remove language that requires an official veterinarian to hold a Washington State Veterinarian License to be employed by the agency per RCW 18.92.060

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 260-24-550 Official Veterinarian(s)

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: 67.16.020

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 20-23-063 on November 16, 2020 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: January 8, 2021

Name: Douglas L Moore

Title: Executive Secretary

Signature:



WAC 260-24-550 Official veterinarian(s). The official veterinarian(s) will be employed by the commission, and be a graduate veterinarian, licensed to practice veterinary medicine in ~~((the state of Washington))~~ a recognized jurisdiction approved by the executive secretary. An official veterinarian is exempt from Washington state licensure per RCW 18.92.060. The official veterinarian(s) will perform the following duties:

- (1) Recommend to the board of stewards any horse the official veterinarian believes is unsafe to be raced, or a horse that it would be inhumane to allow to race;
- (2) Place and remove horses from the veterinarian's list;
- (3) Place and remove horses from the bleeder list;
- (4) Supervise the test barn;
- (5) Supervise the collection of all specimens for testing;
- (6) Provide proper safeguards in the handling of all collected specimens to prevent tampering, confusion or contamination;
- (7) Provide the stewards a written report regarding the nature, seriousness, and meaning of concentration levels, if any, for all laboratory reports of prohibited substances in equine samples;
- (8) Have jurisdiction over all licensed veterinarians on the grounds for the purpose of these rules;
- (9) Report to the commission the names of all horses humanely destroyed or that die on the grounds at the race meet. This report will include the reason a horse was destroyed;
- (10) Maintain records of postmortem examinations performed on horses that have died on association grounds;
- (11) Be available to the stewards prior to scratch time each race day to inspect any horses and report on their condition;
- (12) Be present in the paddock during saddling, on the racetrack during the post parade and at the starting gate until the horses are dispatched from the gate for the race;
- (13) Inspect any horse when there is a question as to its physical condition or soundness;
- (14) Recommend to the stewards a horse be scratched if the horse is physically incapable of exerting its best effort to win;
- (15) Inspect any horse that appears in physical distress during the race or at the finish of the race and report their findings to the stewards;
- (16) Work with practicing veterinarians and other regulatory agencies to take measures to control communicable and/or reportable equine diseases;
- (17) Periodically review horse registration certificates to ensure that all required test and health certificates are current and properly filed in accordance with these rules; and
- (18) Humanely destroy any horse so seriously injured that it is in the best interests of the horse to act.