Agency: Washington Horse Racing Commission

Effective date of rule:
- Permanent Rules
  - x 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 x 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- Repealed: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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Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note. A section may be counted in more than one category.

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Date Adopted: January 8, 2021

Name: Douglas L Moore
Title: Executive Secretary

Signature: [Signature]

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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.