State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

California Horse Racing Board

Regulatory Action:

Title 04, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 1840, 1890

Repeal sections:

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2024-0809-01

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

In this rulemaking action, the Board amends its regulations to specify that performing an endoscopy and administering any substance to any horse with a hypodermic needle may only be done by a Board-licensed veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician (RVT) under the direct supervision of a Board-licensed veterinarian. The amendments further specify that only a Board-licensed veterinarian can administer to a horse a substance through a nasogastric tube. Furthermore, the amendments add RVTs and licensed veterinarian assistants in their regulation related to possession of contraband.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 1/1/2025.

Date: September 19, 2024

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CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 4. BUSINESS REGULATIONS DIVISION 4. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD ARTICLE 15. VETERINARY PRACTICES PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 1840, VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED

1840. Veterinary Practices and Treatments Restricted.

- (a) No person other than California Board-licensed veterinariansveterinarian who have obtained a license-from the Board-shall administer to any horse within the inclosure any veterinary treatment or any medicine, medication, or other substance recognized as a medication, except for recognized feed supplements or oral tonics or substances approved by the official veterinarian, or except under the direction or prescription of a veterinarian licensed by the Board.
- (b) No person other than a Board-licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician (RVT) under the direct supervision of a Board-licensed veterinarian, may perform endoscopy within an inclosure. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to permit an RVT to make a diagnosis.
- (c) No person other than a Board-licensed veterinarian or RVT under the supervision of a Board-licensed veterinarian, shall administer to any horse within the inclosure any substance with a hypodermic needle.
- (d) No person other than a Board-licensed veterinarian shall administer to any horse within the inclosure any substance through a nasogastric tube.

Authority: Sections 19440 and 19562,

Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 19440, 19562, and 19583,

Business and Professions Code.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS ARTICLE 16. GENERAL CONDUCT PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 1890. POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND

1890. Possession of Contraband

- (a) No person other than a veterinarian licensed by the Board, a registered veterinary technician (RVT), or a licensed veterinarian's assistant shall have in his or her possession at a facility under the jurisdiction of the Board any drug which is a narcotic, stimulant, or depressant, or any other substance or medication that has been prepared or packaged for injection by a hypodermic syringe or hypodermic needle, or any hypodermic syringe or hypodermic needle or similar instrument which may be used for injection.
- (b) No person other than a veterinarian licensed by the Board, RVT, or a licensed veterinarian's assistant shall have in his or her possession at a facility under the jurisdiction of the Board any veterinary treatment or any medicine, medication, or other substance recognized as a medication, which has not been prescribed in accordance with Rule 1840 of this division and labeled in accordance with Rule 1864 of this division.
- (c) No person shall have in his <u>or her</u> possession on the premises during any recognized meeting any electrical stimulating or shocking device commonly known as a battery, or any mechanical stimulating device, or any other appliance, which might affect the speed or actions of a horse.
- (d) The stewards may permit the possession of drugs or appliances by a licensee for personal medical needs under such conditions as the stewards may impose.

Authority: Sections 19420, 19440 and 19580,

Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 19460, 19580 and 19581,

Business and Professions Code.