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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Harness Racing

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Adopted amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:71-27.56

Proposed: March 20, 2006 at 38 N.J.R. 1400(a)

Adopted: May 23, 2006 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

Filed: _____ As R. 2006 _____, without change

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:5-30

Effective Date: June 19, 2006

Expiration Date: June 17, 2010

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

COMMENT:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey filed comments in opposition to the proposed amendment. Barbara Sachau is in opposition of the proposal stating that general tax dollars should not be used to fund the horse racing industry and that the industry should fold. She also believes that racehorses are drugged and made to run while sick.

RESPONSE:

Not accepted. The intent of the regulatory amendment is to modify pari-

mutuel wagering formats. Ms. Sachau's comments relate to her opposition to horse racing and her expressed desire not to see horse racing be a major industry. However, pari-mutuel wagering on horse racing has long been legal in this state and no general tax dollars are utilized to fund the racing industry. The implementation of the rule will therefore have no impact on the concerns raised in the comment.

Federal Standards Statements

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules of racing are dictated by State statute, N.J.S.A. 5:5-22, et seq., and the adopted amendment is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

The full text of the adopted rule can be found in the New Jersey Register at 38 N.J.R. 1400(a).