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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Harness Racing Rules

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:71

Proposed: February 7, 2005 at 37 N.J.R. 419(a)

Adopted: May 20, 2005 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

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Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

Comment:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey comments that there is too much drugging of horses and that there should be funds set aside for retirement programs for race horses. Ms. Sachau also states that licensing fees should be \$50,000 and not \$50 and that the racing industry costs New Jersey taxpayers far more money than it generates.

Response:

No Accepted. Subchapter 23, Medication and Testing Procedures, sets forth comprehensive testing procedures to protect horses from illegal drugging and provides for penalties if appropriate. In addition, the racing industry supports retirement programs for race horses in

that, by law, a percentage of money wagered is set aside for distribution to the Horse Park of N.J./Care of Retired Horses. The license fees are believed to be reasonable while the suggested \$50,000 fee would be unreasonable.

#### Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules proposed for readoption are authorized by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:5-30, and are not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

The full text of the readoption can be found in the New Jersey Register at 37 N.J.R. 419(a).