



March 26, 2013

William F. Welch
Senate Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street
Room 335- State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Welch,

Enclosed please find proposed regulation changes to 205 CMR 3.00 and 4.00, regulations governing Harness Horse Racing and Running Horse Racing, pursuant to M.G.L. c.128A, §9B. These proposed new rules do several important things for the industry including repealing the current regulation which permits the use of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication on racedays, providing a split sample provision to afford owners and trainers additional due process protection in the event of an alleged medication violation, preventing the transfer of horses in a suspended trainer's care to his or her spouse during the period of suspension, and providing clear withdrawal times for accepted therapeutic medications to veterinary practitioners and trainers in the form of treatment restriction windows. Please call with any questions.

Best Regards,

Danielle Holmes, Esq.
Massachusetts Gaming Commission,
Racing Division
617-979-8411

Enc.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission