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HOUSE FILE

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 529)

(COMPANION TO LSB 3662SV)

WITHDRAWN

Passed House, Date 2-19-98

Passed Senate, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act regulating veterinary practice and procedures, by
2 providing for the treatment of horses, and providing an
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99D.25A, subsections 6 through 8, Code
2 Supplement 1997, are amended to read as follows:

3 6. Once a horse has been permitted the use of lasix, it
4 the horse must be treated with lasix in the horse's stall,
5 unless the commission provides that a horse must be brought to
6 the detention barn for treatment less than four hours
7 prior to scheduled post time for the race in which it is
8 entered to start. After the lasix treatment, the commission,
9 by rule, may authorize the release of the horse from the
10 horse's stall or detention barn before the scheduled post
11 time. If a horse is brought to the detention barn late, the
12 commission shall assess a civil penalty of one hundred dollars
13 against the trainer.

14 7. A horse entered to race with lasix must be treated at
15 least four hours prior to post time. The lasix shall be
16 administered intravenously by a veterinarian employed by the
17 owner or trainer of the horse under the visual supervision of
18 the commission veterinarian. The commission shall adopt rules
19 to ensure that lasix is administered as provided in this
20 section. The commission shall require that the practicing
21 veterinarian must deposit with the commission veterinarian at
22 the detention barn an unopened supply of lasix and sterile
23 hypodermic needles and syringes to be used for the
24 administrations deliver an affidavit signed by the
25 veterinarian which certifies information regarding the
26 treatment of the horse. The affidavit must be delivered to a
27 commission veterinarian within twenty minutes following the
28 treatment. The statement must at least include the name of
29 the practicing veterinarian, the tattoo number of the horse,
30 the location of the barn and stall where the treatment
31 occurred, the race number of the horse, the name of the
32 trainer, and the time that the lasix was administered. Lasix
33 shall only be administered in a dose level of two hundred
34 fifty milligrams. The commission veterinarian shall extract a
35 test sample of the horse's blood, urine, or saliva to

1 determine whether the horse was improperly drugged after the
2 race is run.

3 8. A person found within or in the immediate vicinity of
4 the detention barn or horse stall who is in possession of
5 unauthorized drugs or hypodermic needles or who is not
6 authorized to possess drugs or hypodermic needles shall, in
7 addition to any other penalties, be barred from entry into any
8 racetrack in Iowa and any occupational license the person
9 holds shall be revoked.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
11 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill relates to the administration of lasix to race
14 horses as regulated by the racing and gaming commission under
15 chapter 99D. Currently, a race horse must be brought to a
16 detention barn for treatment under the supervision of a
17 commission veterinarian.

18 This bill provides that lasix may be administered in the
19 horse's stall, unless the commission provides that the horse
20 must be brought to the detention barn. The bill requires the
21 commission to adopt rules to ensure that lasix is lawfully
22 administered. The bill provides that the treating
23 veterinarian is not required to administer the lasix under the
24 supervision of a commission veterinarian, but requires the
25 veterinarian administering lasix to provide an affidavit
26 relating to the horse's treatment to the commission
27 veterinarian within 20 minutes following treatment.

28 The bill becomes effective upon enactment.

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