

# House Study Bill 529

## Bill Text

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

1 3 6. Once a horse has been permitted the use of lasix,

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1 4 the horse must be treated with lasix in the horse's stall,  
1 5 unless the commission provides that a horse must be brought to  
1 6 the detention barn for treatment

~~not less than four hours~~

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~~prior to scheduled post time for the race in which it is~~

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~~entered to start~~

-. After the lasix treatment, the commission,  
1 9 by rule, may authorize the release of the horse from the  
1 10 horse's stall or detention barn before the scheduled post  
1 11 time. If a horse is brought to the detention barn late, the  
1 12 commission shall assess a civil penalty of one hundred dollars  
1 13 against the trainer.

1 14 7. A horse entered to race with lasix must be treated at  
1 15 least four hours prior to post time. The lasix shall be  
1 16 administered intravenously by a veterinarian employed by the  
1 17 owner or trainer of the horse

~~under the visual supervision of~~

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~~the commission veterinarian~~

-. The commission shall adopt rules  
1 19 to ensure that lasix is administered as provided in this  
1 20 section. The commission shall require that the practicing  
1 21 veterinarian

~~must deposit with the commission veterinarian at~~

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~~the detention barn an unopened supply of lasix and sterile~~

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~~hypodermic needles and syringes to be used for the~~

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~~administrations~~

-. deliver an affidavit signed by the  
1 25 veterinarian which certifies information regarding the  
1 26 treatment of the horse. The affidavit must be delivered to a

1 27 commission veterinarian within twenty minutes following the  
1 28 treatment. The statement must at least include the name of  
1 29 the practicing veterinarian, the tattoo number of the horse,  
1 30 the location of the barn and stall where the treatment  
1 31 occurred, the race number of the horse, the name of the  
1 32 trainer, and the time that the lasix was administered. Lasix  
1 33 shall only be administered in a dose level of two hundred  
1 34 fifty milligrams. The commission veterinarian shall extract a  
1 35 test sample of the horse's blood, urine, or saliva to  
2 1 determine whether the horse was improperly drugged after the  
2 2 race is run.

2 3 8. A person found within or in the immediate vicinity of  
2 4 the detention barn or horse stall who is in possession of  
2 5 unauthorized drugs or hypodermic needles or who is not  
2 6 authorized to possess drugs or hypodermic needles shall, in  
2 7 addition to any other penalties, be barred from entry into any  
2 8 racetrack in Iowa and any occupational license the person  
2 9 holds shall be revoked.

2 10 EXPLANATION

2 11 This bill relates to the administration of lasix to race  
2 12 horses as regulated by the racing and gaming commission under  
2 13 chapter 99D. Currently, a race horse must be brought to a  
2 14 detention barn for treatment under the supervision of a  
2 15 commission veterinarian.

2 16 This bill provides that lasix may be administered in the  
2 17 horse's stall, unless the commission provides that the horse  
2 18 must be brought to the detention barn. The bill requires the  
2 19 commission to adopt rules to ensure that lasix is lawfully  
2 20 administered. The bill provides that the treating  
2 21 veterinarian is not required to administer the lasix under the  
2 22 supervision of a commission veterinarian, but requires the  
2 23 veterinarian administering lasix to provide an affidavit  
2 24 relating to the horse's treatment to the commission  
2 25 veterinarian within 20 minutes following treatment.

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