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SENATE FILE 548
BY IVERSON and GRONSTAL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of lasix to horses at a
2 pari-mutuel racetrack and subjecting violators to civil and
3 criminal penalties, and providing an effective date.

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

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1 Amend Senate File 548 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 34, by striking the word
3 "milligrams" and inserting the following: "milligrams
4 milliliters".

By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
SHELDON RITTNER, Chairperson

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1 Section 1. Section 99D.25A, subsections 6, 7, and 8, Code
2 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 the horse must be brought
6 to the detention barn for treatment not 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 to the commission which
25 is signed by the veterinarian and certifies information
26 regarding the treatment of the horse. The affidavit must be
27 delivered to a commission veterinarian within twenty minutes
28 following the treatment. The affidavit shall include at least
29 the name of the practicing veterinarian, the tattoo number of
30 the horse, the location of the barn and stall where the
31 treatment occurred, the race number of the horse, the name of
32 the trainer, and the time that the lasix was administered.
33 Lasix shall only be administered in a dose level of two
34 hundred fifty milligrams. ~~The-commission-veterinarian-shall~~
35 ~~extract-a-test-sample-of-the-horse's-blood,-urine,-or-saliva~~

1 to-determine-whether-the-horse-was-improperly-drugged-after
2 the-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 allows a horse to be treated with lasix in the
14 horse's stall unless the racing and gaming commission requires
15 treatment in a detention barn. The bill also requires the
16 commission to adopt rules to ensure the lawful administration
17 of the lasix. The veterinarian administering the lasix shall
18 provide an affidavit relating to the horse's treatment. The
19 penalty for illegal administration of drugs to race horses or
20 dogs is a class "D" felony.

21 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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