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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of an equine medication
2 review committee and providing for its membership, duties, and
3 other properly related matters.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 99D.29 EQUINE MEDICATION REVIEW
2 COMMITTEE -- MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES.

3 1. An equine medication review committee is established
4 within the department of inspections and appeals. The review
5 committee shall be composed of one commission veterinarian,
6 one chemist employed by the commission or a chemist-
7 representative of the chemical testing laboratory under
8 contract with the commission, a member of the commission
9 staff, and one or more other persons having expertise
10 regarding equine medications. The members of the review
11 committee shall be selected by the administrator of the
12 commission and served at the administrator's pleasure. The
13 members of the equine medication review board are not entitled
14 to compensation, but they are entitled to reimbursement for
15 actual travel or other expenses incurred while performing the
16 duties of office.

17 2. The duties of the equine medication review committee
18 are to analyze and determine the effects of a medication
19 detected in a sample taken from a race horse. At the request
20 of the administrator of the commission, the members of the
21 review committee shall gather pertinent information concerning
22 the detected medication and determine the effect of the
23 medication regarding performance enhancement, duration of the
24 physiologic activity, the ability of the medication to mask
25 performance enhancing medications, and other pertinent
26 characteristics. After the information has been accumulated
27 and effects of the medication identified, the administrator of
28 the commission shall determine whether or not the detected
29 medication constitutes unlawful drugging and the test results
30 shall be reported to the racetrack stewards for further
31 action.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill provides for the establishment of an equine
34 medication review committee to analyze and determine the
35 effects of a medication detected in a sample taken from a race

1 horse. The committee will consist of one racing and gaming
2 commission veterinarian, one chemist employed by the
3 commission or a chemist-representative of the chemical testing
4 laboratory under contract with the commission, a member of the
5 commission staff, and one or more other persons appointed by
6 the administrator having expertise regarding equine
7 medications. The members of the review committee shall be
8 selected by the administrator of the racing and gaming
9 commission and serve at the administrator's pleasure. The
10 members will not receive compensation, but they are entitled
11 to reimbursement for actual travel and other expenses incurred
12 while performing the duties of office.

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14 the effects of a medication detected in a sample taken from a
15 race horse. The committee shall gather pertinent information
16 concerning the detected medication and determine the effect of
17 the medication regarding performance enhancement, duration of
18 the physiologic activity, the ability of the medication to
19 mask performance enhancing medication, and other pertinent
20 characteristics. After the effects of the medication have
21 been identified, the administrator of the commission shall
22 determine whether or not the detected medication constitutes
23 an unlawful drug which shall be reported to the racetrack
24 stewards for further action.

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