

House File 568 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 137)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to pari-mutuel wagering, including horse and
2 dog racing medication requirements and the applicability
3 of certain setoff procedures to advance deposit wagering
4 operators and including effective date provisions.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 99D.25, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 *b.* "Numbing" means the applying of ~~ice or~~ a freezing device
4 or substance to the limbs of a horse or dog within two hours
5 before the start of a race, or a surgical or other procedure
6 which was, at any time, performed in which the nerves of a
7 horse or dog were severed, destroyed, injected, or removed.
8 For purposes of this paragraph, ice is not a freezing device
9 or substance.

10 Sec. 2. Section 99D.25A, subsections 2 and 7, Code 2017, are
11 amended to read as follows:

12 2. Phenylbutazone ~~shall not~~ may be administered to a
13 horse in ~~dosages which would result in concentrations of more~~
14 ~~than five micrograms of the substance or its metabolites~~
15 per milliliter of blood dosage amounts as set by rule
16 by the commission. ~~In races recognized as graded stakes~~
17 ~~thoroughbred races, the commission may establish restrictions~~
18 ~~on dosage amounts for phenylbutazone which would result in~~
19 ~~concentrations of less than five micrograms of the substance or~~
20 ~~its metabolites per milliliter of blood.~~

21 7. A horse entered to race with furosemide must be treated
22 at least four hours prior to post time. The furosemide shall
23 be administered intravenously by a veterinarian ~~employed by the~~
24 ~~owner or trainer of the horse~~ issued a current occupational
25 license by the commission. The commission shall adopt rules
26 to ensure that furosemide is administered as provided in this
27 section. The commission shall require that the ~~practicing~~
28 veterinarian deliver an affidavit signed by the veterinarian
29 which certifies information regarding the treatment of the
30 horse. The affidavit must be delivered to a commission
31 veterinarian ~~within twenty minutes~~ following the treatment.
32 The ~~statement~~ affidavit must at least include the name of the
33 ~~practicing~~ veterinarian, the tattoo number of the horse, the
34 location of the barn and stall where the treatment occurred,
35 the race number of the horse, the name of the trainer, and

1 the time that the furosemide was administered. Furosemide
2 shall only be administered in a dose level of no less than
3 one hundred fifty milligrams and no more than five hundred
4 milligrams.

5 Sec. 3. Section 99D.28, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. For purposes of this section, "licensee"
8 shall also include an advance deposit wagering operator.

9 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. The following provision
10 or provisions of this Act, being deemed of immediate
11 importance, take effect upon enactment:

12 1. The section of this Act amending section 99D.25.

13 2. The section of this Act amending section 99D.25A.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill concerns pari-mutuel wagering under Code chapter
18 99D.

19 Code section 99D.25, regulating the drugging or numbing of
20 race horses or dogs, is amended to provide that in defining
21 numbing, ice is not a freezing device or substance.

22 Code section 99D.25A, concerning the administration of
23 furosemide or phenylbutazone to race horses, is amended. The
24 bill provides that phenylbutazone may be administered to
25 a horse in dosage amounts as set by the racing and gaming
26 commission by rule. Current law specifies dosage amounts
27 in Code. The bill also provides that furosemide shall be
28 administered to a horse by a veterinarian licensed by the
29 commission instead of by a veterinarian employed by the owner
30 or trainer of the horse. The bill retains the requirement
31 that the treating veterinarian submit an affidavit about the
32 treatment to a commission veterinarian, but eliminates the
33 requirement that the affidavit be delivered within 20 minutes
34 of the treatment.

35 Code section 99D.28, concerning setoff requirements, is

1 amended. The setoff requirements provide that if a person
2 wins \$1,200 or more in one occurrence and owes money to an
3 eligible public agency, the licensee is required to collect
4 from the winnings the full amount of the debt prior to paying
5 any winnings to the person. The bill provides that these
6 requirements apply to advance deposit wagering operators.

7 The provisions of the bill amending Code sections 99D.25 and
8 99D.25A take effect upon enactment.