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The Committee on Gaming (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between lines 50 and 51
insert:

(7) ~~Under no circumstances may any~~ Medication may not be administered closer than 24 hours before ~~prior to~~ the officially scheduled post time of a race except as provided for in this section.

(a) Furosemide is the only medication that may be administered within 24 hours before the officially scheduled post time. However, furosemide may not be administered within 4



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12 hours before the officially scheduled race time. The division
13 shall adopt rules setting conditions for the use of furosemide
14 to treat exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhage.

15 ~~(b) The division shall adopt rules setting conditions for~~
16 ~~the use of prednisolone sodium succinate, but under no~~
17 ~~circumstances may furosemide or prednisolone sodium succinate be~~
18 ~~administered closer than 4 hours prior to the officially~~
19 ~~scheduled post time for the race.~~

20 ~~(e) Before January 1, 2015, the division shall adopt rules~~
21 ~~that establish the definitions of prohibited substances and the~~
22 ~~setting conditions for the use of controlled therapeutic~~
23 ~~medications. Controlled therapeutic medications may include only~~
24 ~~the specific medications and concentrations allowed in~~
25 ~~biological samples that have been approved by the Association of~~
26 ~~Racing Commissioners International, Inc., as controlled~~
27 ~~therapeutic medications phenylbutazone and synthetic~~
28 ~~corticosteroids; in no case, except as provided in paragraph~~
29 ~~(b), shall these substances be given closer than 24 hours prior~~
30 ~~to the officially scheduled post time of a race. Oral~~
31 ~~corticosteroids are prohibited except when prescribed by a~~
32 ~~licensed veterinarian and reported to the division on forms~~
33 ~~prescribed by the division.~~

34 ~~(c)(d) Nothing in This section does not shall be~~
35 ~~interpreted to prohibit the use of vitamins, minerals, or~~
36 ~~naturally occurring substances if they do not exceed so long as~~
37 ~~none exceeds the normal physiological concentration in a race-~~
38 ~~day specimen.~~

39 ~~(e) The division may, by rule, establish acceptable levels~~
40 ~~of permitted medications and shall select the appropriate~~



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41 ~~biological specimens by which the administration of permitted~~
42 ~~medication is monitored.~~

43 ~~(8)(a) Under no circumstances may any medication be~~
44 ~~administered within 24 hours before the officially scheduled~~
45 ~~post time of the race except as provided in this section.~~

46 ~~(b) As an exception to this section, if the division first~~
47 ~~determines that the use of furosemide, phenylbutazone, or~~
48 ~~prednisolone sodium succinate in horses is in the best interest~~
49 ~~of racing, the division may adopt rules allowing such use. Any~~
50 ~~rules allowing the use of furosemide, phenylbutazone, or~~
51 ~~prednisolone sodium succinate in racing must set the conditions~~
52 ~~for such use. Under no circumstances may a rule be adopted which~~
53 ~~allows the administration of furosemide or prednisolone sodium~~
54 ~~succinate within 4 hours before the officially scheduled post~~
55 ~~time for the race. Under no circumstances may a rule be adopted~~
56 ~~which allows the administration of phenylbutazone or any other~~
57 ~~synthetic corticosteroid within 24 hours before the officially~~
58 ~~scheduled post time for the race. Any administration of~~
59 ~~synthetic corticosteroids is limited to parenteral routes. Oral~~
60 ~~administration of synthetic corticosteroids is expressly~~
61 ~~prohibited. If this paragraph is unconstitutional, it is~~
62 ~~severable from the remainder of this section.~~

63 ~~(c) The division shall, by rule, establish acceptable~~
64 ~~levels of permitted medications and shall select the appropriate~~
65 ~~biological specimen by which the administration of permitted~~
66 ~~medications is monitored.~~

67 ~~(8)(9)(a) The division may conduct a postmortem examination~~
68 ~~of any animal that is injured at a permitted racetrack while in~~
69 ~~training or in competition and that subsequently expires or is~~



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70 destroyed. The division may conduct a postmortem examination of
71 any animal that expires while housed at a permitted racetrack,
72 association compound, or licensed kennel or farm. Trainers and
73 owners must ~~shall be requested to~~ comply with this paragraph as
74 a condition of licensure.

75 (b) The division may take possession of the animal upon
76 death for postmortem examination. The division may submit blood,
77 urine, other bodily fluid specimens, or other tissue specimens
78 collected during a postmortem examination for testing by the
79 division laboratory or its designee. Upon completion of the
80 postmortem examination, the carcass must be returned to the
81 owner or disposed of at the owner's option.

82 (9) ~~(10)~~ The presence of a prohibited substance in an
83 animal, found by the division laboratory in a bodily fluid
84 specimen collected after the race or during the postmortem
85 examination of the animal, ~~which breaks down during a race~~
86 constitutes a violation of this section.

87 (10) ~~(11)~~ The cost of postmortem examinations, testing, and
88 disposal must be borne by the division.

89 (11) ~~(12)~~ The division shall adopt rules, laboratory
90 standards, and penalties to implement this section. ~~The rules~~
91 ~~may include a classification system for prohibited substances~~
92 ~~and a corresponding penalty schedule for violations.~~

93 (12) ~~(13)~~ ~~Except as specifically modified by statute or by~~
94 ~~rules of the division,~~ The most recent Uniform Classification
95 Guidelines for Foreign Substances, ~~revised February 14, 1995,~~ as
96 promulgated by the Association of Racing Commissioners
97 International, Inc., is hereby adopted by reference as the
98 uniform classification system ~~for class IV and V medications.~~



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99 ~~(14) The division shall utilize only the thin layer~~
100 ~~chromatography (TLC) screening process to test for the presence~~
101 ~~of class IV and V medications in samples taken from racehorses~~
102 ~~except when thresholds of a class IV or class V medication have~~
103 ~~been established and are enforced by rule. Once a sample has~~
104 ~~been identified as suspicious for a class IV or class V~~
105 ~~medication by the TLC screening process, the sample will be sent~~
106 ~~for confirmation by and through additional testing methods. All~~
107 ~~other medications not classified by rule as a class IV or class~~
108 ~~V agent shall be subject to all forms of testing available to~~
109 ~~the division.~~

110 ~~(15) The division may implement by rule medication levels~~
111 ~~recommended by the University of Florida College of Veterinary~~
112 ~~Medicine developed pursuant to an agreement between the Division~~
113 ~~of Pari-mutuel Wagering and the University of Florida College of~~
114 ~~Veterinary Medicine. The University of Florida College of~~
115 ~~Veterinary Medicine may provide written notification to the~~
116 ~~division that it has completed research or review on a~~
117 ~~particular drug pursuant to the agreement and when the College~~
118 ~~of Veterinary Medicine has completed a final report of its~~
119 ~~findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the division.~~

120 (13)~~(16)~~ The testing medium for phenylbutazone in horses
121 shall be serum, and the division may collect up to six full 15-
122 milliliter blood tubes for each horse being sampled.

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124 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

125 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

126 Delete lines 13 - 14

127 and insert:



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128 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (6) of section
129 550.2415, Florida Statutes, and subsections (7) through (16) of
130 that section are amended, to read:

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132 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

133 And the title is amended as follows:

134 Delete line 8

135 and insert:

136 false statements on an injury form; revising the
137 rulemaking authority of the division; revising the
138 authorized use of certain medications and testing
139 methods; providing an