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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS

1) Heading of the Part: Entries and Declarations

2) Code Citation: 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1312

3) <u>Section Numbers:</u> <u>Emergency Action:</u>

1312.260 Repealed 1312.265 Amendment

4) <u>Statutory Authority</u>: 230 ILCS 5/9(b)

5) <u>Effective Date of Emergency Amendment:</u> April 1, 2015

- 6) <u>If this emergency amendment is to expire before the end of the 150-day period, please</u> specify the date on which they are to expire: The emergency rulemaking will expire at the end of the 150-day period, or upon adoption of permanent rules, whichever comes first.
- 7) Date filed with the Index Department:
- 8) A copy of the emergency rules, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the Illinois Racing Board's central office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Reason for Emergency: Currently, racetracks in Illinois that conduct harness racing are required to couple entries (two or more horses) in a race that are owned by the same person or persons. Due to the anticipated shortage of racehorses, Balmoral Park and Maywood Park requested a rule change that would permit same owner entries to be uncoupled in any harness race. However, entries may be coupled with permission of the stewards. The result would be larger field sizes, increased betting, and greater revenue to the Board. On March 17, 2015, the Board unanimously approved Balmoral Park and Maywood Park's request. Emergency rulemaking is necessary because of future competition from racetracks in Indiana and Ohio.
- 10) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This proposed rulemaking will permit racetracks that conduct harness racing to uncouple same owner entries in any harness race. However, entries may be coupled with permission of the stewards. The result would be larger field sizes, increased betting, and greater revenue to the Board.
- 11) Are there any proposed amendments pending on this Part: No
- 12) <u>Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives</u>: No local governmental units will be required to increase expenditures.

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13) <u>Information and questions regarding these emergency amendments shall be directed to:</u>

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The full text of the Emergency Amendments begins on the next page:

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AUTHORITY: Authorized by Section 9(b) of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 [230 ILCS 5/9(b)].

SOURCE: Published in Rules and Regulations of Harness Racing, (original date not cited in publication); amended July 12, 1974, filed July 22, 1974; amended February 13, 1976, filed March 1, 1976; amended September 19, 1975, filed October 2, 1975; amended at 4 Ill. Reg. 9, p. 251, effective February 20, 1980; amended at 4 Ill. Reg. 21, p. 85, effective May 9, 1980; amended at 5 Ill. Reg. 1498, effective February 2, 1981; codified at 5 Ill. Reg. 10934; amended at 15 Ill. Reg. 2727, effective February 5, 1991; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 7390, effective May 1, 2000; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 6390, effective May 1, 2001; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 5030, effective March 7, 2003; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 8526, effective June 1, 2007; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 16340, effective November 1, 2012; emergency amendment at 39 Ill. Reg. ______, effective April 1, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. ______, effective

Section 1312.260 Entry or Coupling (Repealed) EMERGENCY

When starters in a race include two or more horses owned or trained by the same stable or by the same management, or same person, they shall be coupled as an "entry", and a wager on one horse in the "entry" shall be a wager on all horses in the "entry". However, the uncoupling of entries with common owners shall be permitted in stakes races with purses of \$100,000 or more. If a race is split in two or more divisions, horses in an "entry" shall be seeded in separate divisions, but the divisions in which they compete and their post positions shall be drawn by lot.

(Source: Repealed by emergency rulemaking at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective April 1, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days)

Section 1312.265 Uncoupled Entries EMERGENCY

a) Any entry, two or more horses, of separate ownership may be uncoupled with permission of the stewards. Such permission shall not be granted with respect to quinellas and exactas unless fields of six betting interests (five if there is a late scratch) are created.

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b) Two or more horses owned wholly, or in part, by the same person or persons, shall be uncoupled wagering interests in any race, except entries may be coupled with permission of the stewards. A wager on one horse in the "entry" shall be a wager on all horses in the "entry." If a race is split in two or more divisions, horses in an "entry" shall be seeded in separate divisions, but the divisions in which they compete and their post positions shall be drawn by lot. Same owner entries will have least preference in overfilled races.

(Source: Amended by emergency rulemaking at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective April 1, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days)