

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO.633

By: Allen

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; requiring certain rules be reviewed by the Medication Advisory Committee; directing certain recommendations be presented in a public meeting; creating the Medications Advisory Committee; providing for membership and chair; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement; exempting from dual-office holding provision; establishing quorum; providing for vacancy appointment; setting membership term and reappointment; and providing for codification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 208.11a of Title 3A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. On and after the November 1, 2019, any rule or change in rule made by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission related to equine medications and drugs or drug testing of a horse prior to or during a race including, but not limited to, threshold levels for therapeutic medications and drugs shall require such rule to be reviewed by the Medication Advisory Committee with a requirement

1 that the Committee recommendations shall be presented to the
2 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission during a public meeting of the
3 Commission prior to adoption.

4 B. There is hereby created the Medication Advisory Committee
5 under the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission. The Medication Advisory
6 Committee shall be appointed annually by the Oklahoma Horse Racing
7 Commission. The Committee shall be composed of thirteen (13)
8 members and shall include all of the following:

9 1. Four members of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, or
10 their designee;

11 2. The State Veterinarian employed or contracted by the
12 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission;

13 3. One member of the Board of Stewards employed or contracted
14 by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, or designee;

15 4. Two members who shall each be a representative from each of
16 the recognized horsemen's representative organizations;

17 5. Three members who shall each be a representative from the
18 currently licensed organization licensees; and

19 6. Two practicing veterinarians with one to be identified by
20 the thoroughbred horsemen's representative organization and one to
21 be identified by the representative of all non-thoroughbred breeds.

22 C. The Medication Advisory Committee shall be chaired by a
23 member of the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission as designated by the
24 Chair of the Commission. The Medication Advisory Committee shall

1 serve in an advisory capacity only and any members of the Committee,
2 other than the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission members, shall not
3 be entitled to either compensation or reimbursement for travel or
4 expenses.

5 D. Members of the Medication Advisory Committee shall be exempt
6 from the dual-office holding provision of Section 6 of Title 51 of
7 the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 E. For purposes of conducting business, seven members shall
9 constitute a quorum. Any vacancy occurring in memberships shall be
10 filled in the same manner as an initial appointment for the
11 unexpired term. Initial appointment shall be made by the Oklahoma
12 Horse Racing Commission by November 1, 2019, and annually
13 thereafter. Members may be reappointed and serve additional terms.
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