

**Notice of Intent**  
**Office of the Governor**  
**Division of Administration**  
**Racing Commission**

The Louisiana State Racing Commission hereby gives notice that it intends to amend the following rule. The rule currently is captioned "Coggins Test" and provides that no horse shall be allowed to race in Louisiana unless it has been tested for equine infectious anemia via "Coggins" test taken within 12 months of the date of the race in question, with negative results. The proposed amendment amends the caption to read "Mandatory Health Screening" and mandates screening for Equine Piroplasmosis. Although equine infectious anemia poses a serious threat to the racing population, the population is currently at greater risk for Equine Piroplasmosis which is spreading throughout the United States within the racing population. A horse testing positive for equine infectious anemia via "Coggins" or for Equine Piroplasmosis is unfit to race and poses a imminent threat to healthy race horses.

This proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and/or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

**Title 35**  
**HORSE RACING**  
**Part I. General Provisions**  
**Chapter 13. Health Rules**

**§1304. ~~Coggins Test~~ Mandatory Health Screening**

A. No horse shall be allowed to race in Louisiana unless it has had a Coggins test taken within 12 months of the date of the race in question, with a negative result. Record of the negative test shall be attached to registration papers of the horse, or such results shall be recorded on said registration papers by an employee of the commission, prior to the running of the race. The trainer of the horse is responsible for insuring that a negative Coggins test result is in the racing secretary's office as required by this rule.

B. No horse shall be allowed to enter the confines of a racetrack of any association holding a license to conduct a race meeting or race in Louisiana unless it has had an Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) test taken within 12 months of the date of entry upon the racetrack and/or race, with a negative result for Theileria equi and Babesia caballi. Record of the negative test shall be attached to registration papers of the horse upon entry to the racetrack. The trainer of the horse is responsible for insuring that a negative Piroplasmosis test result is in the racing secretary's office as required by this rule.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141 and R.S. 4:142.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 14:226 (April 1988).

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