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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Harness Racing

Declaration to Start and Drawing Horses

Adopted amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:71-16.1

Proposed: March 20, 2006 at 38 N.J.R. 1395(a)

Adopted: May 23, 2006 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ As R. 2006 \_\_\_\_\_, without change

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:5-30

Effective Date: June 19, 2006

Expiration Date: June 17, 2010

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

COMMENT:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey filed comments in opposition to the proposed amendment. Barbara Sachau is in opposition of the proposal stating that general tax dollars should not be used to keep the racing business operating and she favors its demise.

RESPONSE:

Not accepted. Ms. Sachau's comments relate to her opposition to horse racing and her expressed desire not to see horse racing be a major

industry. Although she opposes the sport for various reasons, the sport is a legal one and this rule is beneficial as it is directed toward achieving consistency in the draw procedure and eliminating the practice of applying a draw to multiple races.

#### Federal Standards Statements

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules of racing are dictated by State statute, N.J.S.A. 5:5-22, et seq., and the adopted amendment is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

The full text of the adopted rule can be found in the New Jersey Register at 38 N.J.R. 1395(a).