

**Department of Planning and Budget
2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB1270

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Norment

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Virginia Racing Commission.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Clarifies the authority of stewards appointed by the Virginia Racing Commission to enforce and interpret the Commission's regulations. The bill also adds a definition of "participant" and provides that certain individuals associated with a horse that is entered to run in Virginia shall be considered as participants and come under the jurisdiction of the Commission. In addition, the bill (i) provides the authority of the Commission to take disciplinary actions through stewards or at a meeting at which a quorum is present, (ii) clarifies that such disciplinary actions must be determined by a preponderance of the evidence, (iii) requires the Commission's annual report to be filed on or before March 1.

6. No Fiscal Impact.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The bill clarifies the authority of racing stewards and is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Virginia Racing Commission, the agency responsible for promoting the horse industry and regulating horse racing in the Commonwealth.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Virginia Racing Commission.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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