



## Gaming Commission

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[www.gaming.ny.gov](http://www.gaming.ny.gov)

September 29, 2020

Re: **Industry Notification of Proposed Rulemaking for Veterinary Technicians (9 NYCRR Parts 4002, 4005, 4012, 4101, 4120 and Section 4043.11)**

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York State Gaming Commission has proposed amendments to increase the use of veterinary technicians in horse racing (9 NYCRR Parts 4002, 4005, 4012, 4101, 4120 and Section 4043.11). The Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be published in the October 7, 2020 *State Register*. The full text of the proposed rules is posted at <https://www.gaming.ny.gov/proposedrules.php>.

Veterinary technician is a regulated profession subject to professional education and State licensing requirements including continuing education. The purpose of the proposal is to make it more feasible for horsepersons and racetracks to provide appropriate veterinary care through the use of supervised veterinarian technicians.

The proposal would create a license category for veterinary technicians and apply to them the same license fee and restrictions for recordkeeping, horse ownership, possession and disposal of needles and drugs, and Commission approval for employment by a racetrack as apply to veterinarians. The proposal requires that veterinary technicians be under the direction and general supervision of a licensed veterinarian who is present on the same premises, except that a veterinarian may supervise a veterinary technician who is taking biologic samples for regulatory testing without being on the same premises. The proposal also makes stylistic changes to various rules.

If you wish to provide any comments on this proposed rulemaking, please submit your written comments to [gamingrules@gaming.ny.gov](mailto:gamingrules@gaming.ny.gov) or to Kristen M. Buckley, One Broadway Center, Suite 500, Schenectady, NY 12305 no later than December 7, 2020.

Very truly yours,

Kristen M. Buckley  
Acting Secretary