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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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TWO NEW LAWS STRENGTHEN EQUINE AND JOCKEY PROTECTIONS

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board appreciates the passage and signing into law of SB 800 and AB 1974. Both bills strengthen the State of California’s commitment to equine and jockey welfare and safety.

SB 800, by Senator Bill Dodd, provides greater access to veterinary records for racehorses, requires the reporting/publication of equine fatalities that occur at facilities regulated by the CHRB, and requires the publication of positive post-race test findings within five business days of their confirmation. In anticipation of this bill becoming law, the CHRB already is posting equine fatalities on its website: [EQUINE FATALITIES](#)

AB 1974, by Assembly Member Adam Gray, provides for a range of safety measures. The new law:

- Gives regulatory veterinarians authority to order diagnostic tests on horses,
- Extends the time for removing horses from the Veterinarian’s List,
- Creates more veterinary oversight for horses considered to be at risk,
- Allows diagnostic imaging to be used for pre-race examinations,
- Requires racing associations to provide areas for enhanced veterinary examinations,
- Enhances a whistleblower program, and
- Provides additional funding for safety.

Some of these statutory reforms codify existing regulations, while others create new statutory authority and requirements.

The CHRB thanks Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature, particularly Assembly Member Gray and Senator Dodd, for their continued support for and commitment to equine and jockey welfare and safety.

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Below are images with links from California All, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the California Department of Public Health, which will serve you with updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19), and the California Office of Emergency Services, providing tips and resources to "beat the heat." To access the information to any of the public entities, click on the department images below.

