**§263-C. Executive director**

**(REALLOCATED FROM TITLE 8, SECTION 263-A)**

The chief operating officer of the State Harness Racing Commission is the executive director. [PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. A, §8 (RAL).]

**1. Position.**  The executive director is a classified position within the department.

[PL 2003, c. 401, §2 (AMD).]

**2. Appointment.**  The commissioner shall appoint an executive director with the approval of the commission. The executive director is the principal administrative, operational and executive employee of the commission.

[PL 2003, c. 401, §3 (RPR).]

**3. Qualifications.**  The executive director must have knowledge of harness racing and a proven record of leadership.

[PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. A, §8 (RAL).]

**4. Duties.**  The executive director has the following duties:

A. Management of the work of the commission, including:

(1) Rulemaking;

(2) Processing appeals;

(3) Licensing of tracks and off-track betting facilities;

(4) Setting race dates;

(5) Making reports to the Governor and Legislature and recommendations to the commissioner regarding harness racing and off-track betting operations and the need for changes in statutes and rules; and

(6) Presenting evidence in adjudicatory hearings before the commission regarding alleged violations of this chapter or rules adopted in accordance with this chapter; and [PL 2007, c. 611, §4 (AMD).]

B. Management of the work of the department regarding harness racing and off-track betting, including:

(1) Supervision of all staff involved in harness racing and off-track betting functions;

(2) Management of the collection and distribution of revenues under this chapter;

(3) Budget development and management;

(4) Policy development with regard to harness racing and off-track betting;

(5) Management of participant licensing;

(6) Enforcement of harness racing and off-track betting statutes and rules;

(7) Investigation of harness racing and off-track betting violations; and

(8) Facilitating the development of positive working relationships in the harness racing industry and State Government. [PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. B, §2 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 687, Pt. B, §11 (AFF).]

[PL 2007, c. 611, §4 (AMD).]

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