

Bill No. 1834

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Referred to Committee on **ENVIRONMENT**

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AN ACT CONCERNING HORSES.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Assembly convened:

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Section 1. For purposes of this act, "commissioner" means
the commissioner of agriculture and natural resources; "dealer"
or "broker" means any person, co-partnership, association or
corporation engaged in the business of buying, receiving,
selling, exchanging or negotiating or soliciting the sale,
resale, exchange, transportation, transfer or shipment of horses;
"boarding stable" means any establishment which provides for the
feeding, care and accommodations of horses for a fee; "hack
stable" means any establishment in connection with which one or
more horses are let for hire to be ridden or driven; "rodeo"
means any public performance featuring bronco riding, calf
roping, steer wrestling and Brahma bull riding, and "person"
means any individual, association or corporation.

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Sec. 2. No person may own or keep four or more horses
unless such person has a license issued by the commissioner. The
commissioner shall issue such a license provided the applicant
has complied with regulations to be issued by said commissioner.
Such regulations shall concern themselves with the condition and
size of stalls, adequate shelter, adequate pastorage and any
other related matter. In addition, the commissioner shall
promulgate regulations for the keeping of horses in areas zoned
for residential use.

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Sec. 3. No person shall operate any boarding or hack stable 35
unless such person has been issued an appropriate license from 36
the commissioner. Any application for such a license shall be 37
accompanied by a list of the horses under the control of such 38
person together with such additional information as the
commissioner may require.

Sec. 4. No cowboy group, rodeo, carnival or other show 39
shall bring any horse into this state unless such horse is 40
accompanied by a certificate of health from the state which it 41
was brought and a permit issued by the commissioner.

Sec. 5. No dealer or broker shall bring any horse into this 42
state unless such horse is accompanied by a certificate of health 43
from the state from which it was brought and a permit issued by 44
the commissioner. Each dealer and broker shall report all 45
purchases and sales of horses to the commissioner together with 46
any other information that he may require.

Sec. 6. The commissioner may refuse to grant permits to 47
import horses from all sections or areas which in his opinion are 48
infected with a contagious disease, and he may, at any time 49
revoke any permit previously issued and then outstanding, for the
importation into this state of horses which in his opinion are 50
infected, and all damages caused or claimed to have been caused 51
by such revocation shall be borne by the owner. In addition the 52
commissioner may, when he deems necessary, take any appropriate
action to control the spread of disease to which horses are 53
vulnerable.

Sec. 7. The commissioner shall fix the fee for all licenses 54
and permits issued under this act. 55

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for regulation of the keeping 58
and importation of horses. 62

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 60
additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 62