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BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 171
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and K. Young” and substitute “K. Young, Cardin, Cox, McComas, and Pippy”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Livestock” and substitute “Equines”; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 3 down through “activity” in line 6 and substitute “altering a certain prohibition against interfering with, injuring, tampering with, or destroying a horse used for a certain purpose to prohibit a person from interfering with, injuring, tampering with, or destroying an equine used for a certain purpose or for any other lawful activity; changing the crime from a felony to a misdemeanor; altering the maximum penalty to include a certain fine or certain prison sentence; providing for the application of this Act”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 1 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, strike lines 4 through 23, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) IN THIS SECTION, “EQUINE” INCLUDES HORSES, DONKEYS, MULES, AND PONIES.

“(b) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE OWNER OF THE EQUINE OR A PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF OR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OWNER OF THE EQUINE.

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(C) A person may not:

(1) willfully and maliciously interfere with, injure, destroy, or tamper with [a horse] AN EQUINE used for:

(I) racing or breeding [or for];

(II) a competitive exhibition of skill, breed, or stamina; OR

(III) ANY OTHER LAWFUL ACTIVITY;

(2) willfully start, instigate, engage in, or further an act that interferes with, injures, destroys, or tampers with [a horse] AN EQUINE used for:

(I) racing or breeding [or for];

(II) a competitive exhibition of skill, breed, or stamina; OR

(III) ANY OTHER LAWFUL ACTIVITY; or

(3) commit an act that tends to interfere with, injure, destroy, or tamper with [a horse] AN EQUINE used for:

(I) racing or breeding [or for];

(II) a competitive exhibition of skill, breed, or stamina; OR

(III) ANY OTHER LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

[(b)] (D) A person who violates this section is guilty of a [felony] MISDEMEANOR and on conviction is subject to A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR imprisonment [of not less than 1 year and] not exceeding [3 years] 1 YEAR OR BOTH.”.