

By: **Senator Dorman**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Horse Industry Board and Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming and expanding the State Board of Inspection of Horse
4 Riding Stables to be the Maryland Horse Industry Board; defining certain
5 terms; providing for the membership of the Board; providing for the powers and
6 duties of the Board; creating a certain fund to be administered by the Board for
7 certain purposes; and generally relating to the Maryland Horse Industry Board
8 and Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Agriculture
11 Section 2-701, 2-703, and 2-704 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 7.
12 Maryland Horse Industry Board"
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 BY repealing
16 Article - Agriculture
17 Section 2-708
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article - Agriculture
22 Section 2-708
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1985 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 **Article - Agriculture**

2 Subtitle 7. [State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables] MARYLAND HORSE
3 INDUSTRY BOARD.

4 2-701.

5 (a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) "Board" means the [State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables]
7 MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD.

8 (c) "Boarding stable" means an establishment that stables five or more horses
9 and receives compensation for these services.

10 (d) "Equine dealer and breeding stables" includes an establishment in which
11 five or more horses are sold each year.

12 (e) "Horse" includes horses and ponies.

13 (f) (1) "Horse riding and rental stables" means an establishment in
14 connection with which one or more horses are let for hire to be ridden or driven, either
15 with or without the furnishing of riding or driving instruction.

16 (2) "Horse riding and rental stables" includes:

17 (i) Boarding stables;

18 (ii) Equine dealer and breeding stables; and

19 (iii) Sales barns.

20 (g) "Sales barns" includes an establishment where horses are sold.

21 2-703.

22 There is a [State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables] MARYLAND
23 HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD.

24 2-704.

25 (a) (1) The Board consists of [five] 13 members, 12 OF WHOM SHALL BE
26 appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary.

27 (2) Of the Board members:

28 (i) One shall be a duly qualified and licensed veterinarian;

29 (ii) [Two] ONE shall be AN [officers] OFFICER of a county humane
30 society;

- 1 (iii) One shall be an owner of a licensed stable; [and]
- 2 (iv) One shall be a public member;
- 3 (V) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HORSE
4 COUNCIL, INC.;
- 5 (VI) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRAILS AND
6 RECREATIONAL RIDING COMMUNITY;
- 7 (VII) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS AND
8 SHOWS INDUSTRY;
- 9 (VIII) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED
10 INDUSTRY;
- 11 (IX) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE MARYLAND STANDARDBRED
12 INDUSTRY;
- 13 (X) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE ACADEMIC EQUINE COMMUNITY;
14 AND
- 15 (XI) ONE SHALL REPRESENT THE EQUINE TRADE AND SUPPORT
16 INDUSTRIES.

17 (3) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS
18 AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

19 (b) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath
20 required by Article I, § 9 of the State Constitution.

21 (c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years.

22 (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms
23 provided for members of the Board on July 1, 1980.

24 (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
25 appointed and qualifies.

26 (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
27 the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

28 (d) The Governor may remove a member for incompetency or misconduct.

29 [2-708.

30 The Board shall pay all funds collected under this subtitle into the General
31 Fund of this State.]

1 2-708.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY
3 FUND.

4 (B) THERE IS A MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT.

5 (C) (1) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING, REVOLVING SPECIAL
6 FUND TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

7 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD AND THE STATE
8 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

9 (D) THE FUND SHALL BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED. ANY INTEREST OR
10 OTHER INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED AND PAID INTO
11 THE FUND.

12 (E) NO PART OF THE FUND MAY REVERT OR BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL
13 FUND OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL FUND.

14 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

15 (1) ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THE LICENSING AND INSPECTION
16 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

17 (2) MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FUND BY GENERAL, FEDERAL, OR
18 SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS; AND

19 (3) MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FUND BY GIFTS, GRANTS OR
20 TRANSFERS FROM ANY GOVERNMENT OR UNIT OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF A
21 GOVERNMENT OR FROM ANY PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES.

22 (G) THE BOARD SHALL USE THE MONEYS IN THE FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
23 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION TO:

24 (1) CARRY OUT THE LICENSING, INSPECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT
25 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

26 (2) SUPPORT RESEARCH RELATED TO EQUINE HEALTH AND RELATED
27 ISSUES;

28 (3) PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF HORSES IN THE STATE;

29 (4) CREATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES
30 AS THEY RELATE TO THE PRESERVATION OF GREEN SPACE AND AGRICULTURAL
31 LAND; AND

32 (5) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
33 EQUINE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE HISTORY AND TRADITION OF BREEDING AND
34 THE ROLE OF HORSES IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

1 (H) EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSES IN SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION, THE
2 BOARD MAY NOT USE ANY MONEYS IN THE FUND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OF THE
3 BOARD.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 1998.