

# HOUSE BILL 955

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By: **Delegate V. Clagett**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Horse Industry Board – Equine Activities**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain activities are not subject to certain  
4 provisions of law relating to the Maryland Horse Industry Board; requiring that  
5 equine activities be treated as agricultural activities for the purposes of certain  
6 provisions of law; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the  
7 Maryland Horse Industry Board and equine activities.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Agriculture  
10 Section 2–701 and 2–702  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Agriculture  
15 Section 2–702.1  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Agriculture**

21 2–701.

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

23 (b) “Board” means the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (d) **"EQUINE ACTIVITIES" INCLUDES TEACHING EQUESTRIAN SKILLS,**  
4 **PARTICIPATING IN EQUESTRIAN COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS OR OTHER**  
5 **DISPLAYS OF EQUESTRIAN SKILLS, AND CARING FOR, BREEDING, BOARDING,**  
6 **RENTING, RIDING, OR TRAINING HORSES.**

7 (E) "Equine dealer, breeding stables, or rescue stables" includes an  
8 establishment in which five or more horses are sold or transferred each year.

9 [(e)] (F) "Horse" includes horses and ponies.

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

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

14 (i) Boarding stables;

15 (ii) Equine dealer, breeding stables, or rescue stables; and

16 (iii) Sales barns.

17 [(g)] (H) "Sales barns" includes an establishment where horses are sold.

18 2-702.

19 [Horse] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 2-702.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, HORSE**  
20 **racing and standardbred stables [and] OR farms using horses for [agricultural**  
21 **purposes] WORKING OR CULTIVATING THE SOIL OR HERDING OR CUTTING**  
22 **LIVESTOCK** are not subject to the provisions of this subtitle.

23 **2-702.1.**

24 **EQUINE ACTIVITIES SHALL BE TREATED AS AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES**  
25 **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2009.