

This bill would have a severe impact on the Maryland horse industry, which is a huge industry in our state. While already an expensive sport to participate in, this bill would greatly increase costs further as costs for insurance would increase. This could result in many facilities choosing to shut down, and the sport becoming even more inaccessible than it already is for many.

These clauses are important in our sport, as horseback riding is inherently dangerous, and it is not fair to allow litigation when inevitable accidents happen. Establishing negligence can be unclear.

Horses are a big part of Maryland's culture, and it would be a shame to pose a threat to the many businesses that make it possible for residents of all ages to take lessons, participate in shows, attend camps, trail ride, take therapeutic riding lessons, and more.