

By Mr. Lombardi of Cambridge, petition of the Yankee Thoroughbred Breeders Association for legislation to promote further the breeding of thoroughbred horses in the Commonwealth and establishing a committee to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE BREEDING OF THOROUGHBRED HORSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE THE BREEDING OF THOROUGHBRED HORSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 20 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 1 of chapter 807 of the acts of 1969,
3 is hereby amended by adding after section 12 the following
4 sections:—

5 *Section 13.* There shall be in the department a committee to
6 encourage the breeding of thoroughbred horses which shall
7 consist of five members to be appointed by the governor, two of
8 whom shall be members of the Yankee Thoroughbred Breeders
9 Association, one of whom shall be from the Massachusetts Fairs
10 Association, one of whom shall be from the Division of 4-H and
11 Youth programs at the University of Massachusetts, and one
12 of whom shall be from the department of agriculture. Their
13 terms shall run coterminous with that of the governor. The
14 committee shall elect its own chairman and clerk and shall
15 keep an accurate record of its meetings. The members shall
16 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual
17 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

18 *Section 14.* The committee shall encourage:—

19 1. 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and other youth or-
20 ganizations in the development of a program in the breeding
21 of thoroughbred horses.

22 2. The holding of an annual thoroughbred horse show and
23 fair, and

24 3. An annual auction of thoroughbred horses.

25 It shall, subject to appropriation, allot, under the super-
26 vision of the commissioner and the board of agriculture, to
27 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and other youth organiza-
28 tions, provided that said organizations are supervised by a
29 council or a committee of adults, whose officers shall establish
30 operating policies under the direction of the commissioner of
31 agriculture, the following funds:—

32 An annual fee of three hundred dollars for reimbursement
33 of breeding and boarding fees, and an amount not to exceed
34 one hundred dollars for shipping expenses to various farms
35 within the commonwealth.

36 In order to be eligible for reimbursement under the provi-
37 sions of this section, all mares must be bred to a stallion stand-
38 ing a full season in the commonwealth, or if the mare is owned
39 by a Massachusetts resident, it may be bred to a stallion stand-
40 ing any place; provided, the mare returns to Massachusetts
41 for foaling.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 128 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 807 of the
3 acts of 1969, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sen-
4 tence in subparagraph (g) the following sentence:—Ten per
5 cent of said awards shall be withheld and imbursement to the
6 Yankee Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 20 of the General Laws as most re-
2 cently amended by section I of chapter 807 of the act of 1969
3 is hereby further amended in paragraph 5 by striking out the
4 word "December" and adding thereto the words:—April of
5 each year each person standing a stallion in the common-
6 wealth at either public or private service shall file with the
7 department of agriculture a list of all mares bred to such
8 stallions.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 20, as most recently amended by
2 section I of chapter 807 of the act of 1969 is hereby further

3 amended by adding after paragraph (g) the following para-
4 graph (h).

5 (h) That the department of agriculture shall either as
6 director or administrator or coordinator of this program shall
7 appoint one who is considered knowledgeable in racing and
8 breeding and is a member of the Yankee Thoroughbred Breed-
9 ers Association.

