

HOUSE No. 5703

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 21, 1969.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to promote the breeding of thoroughbred horses and standardbred horses in the Commonwealth and establishing the Massachusetts standardbred agricultural fair and breeding fund committee (Senate, No. 1552, printed as amended), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 5703).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE BREEDING OF THOROUGHbred HORSES AND STANDARDbred HORSES IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS STANDARDbred AGRICULTURAL FAIR AND BREEDING FUND COMMITTEE.

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. Chapter 20 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding after section 9 the following three sec-
3 tions:—

4 *Section 10.* There shall be in the department a committee
5 to be known as the Massachusetts standardbred agricultural
6 fair and breeding fund committee which shall consist of five
7 members to be appointed annually by the governor before the
8 first of April, of whom two shall be familiar with standard-
9 bred breeding, one of whom shall be a member of the
10 Massachusetts Fair Association, and one shall be a member of
11 the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation. The committee
12 shall elect its own chairman and clerk, and shall keep
13 accurate records of its meetings. The members of the com-
14 mittee shall serve without compensation but shall be reim-
15 bursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of
16 their official duties.

17 *Section 11.* The Massachusetts standardbred agricultural
18 fair and breeding fund committee shall aid the commissioner
19 and the board of agriculture in the promotion, development
20 and encouragement of the breeding of standardbred horses in
21 the commonwealth, and shall, subject to appropriation, dis-
22 tribute, under the supervision of the commissioner and the
23 board of agriculture the following funds; provided, however,
24 that the total amount expended for the purposes of this
25 section and section twelve shall not exceed twenty-five thou-
26 sand dollars in any one year:—

27 (a) An annual fee of two hundred dollars as reimburse-
28 ment for breeding and boarding fees shall be paid to any
29 member of a 4H Club, the Future Farmers of America, or the
30 Junior Hunt Club who resides in the commonwealth and
31 owns a standardbred mare which is registered with the
32 United States Trotting Association, provided, that said mare
33 stays the full year in the commonwealth, and provided
34 further, that said aforementioned club or organization is
35 supervised by a council or committee of adults, whose officers
36 shall establish operating policies under direction of the com-
37 missioner of agriculture, whereby each such club or organiza-
38 tion will be required to report on its activities to said
39 commissioner in order to determine the eligibility of a
40 member to qualify for the reimbursement provided by this
41 paragraph.

42 (b) An amount not exceeding two thousand dollars
43 annually for reimbursement to each county agricultural
44 society and each independent agricultural society conducting
45 Massachusetts standardbred agricultural fair and breeding
46 colt races, for track and stable maintenance, starting gate
47 rental and the cost of all required harness horse racing
48 officials.

49 (c) An amount not exceeding fifty-six hundred dollars
50 annually for reimbursement to each county agricultural
51 society and each independent agricultural society conducting
52 races for two and three year old colts and fillies, for payment
53 equal to the premium for each such race but not exceeding
54 seven hundred dollars for each such race. No colt or filly shall
55 be eligible to race in this program unless sired by a stallion
56 standing full season in Massachusetts, or unless it is the
57 product of a wholly owned Massachusetts resident mare bred
58 to a stallion standing within the states of Maine, New
59 Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and
60 Connecticut, providing the mare returns to Massachusetts for
61 six months. If any owner violates such provision relative to
62 eligibility, the purse shall be forfeited and the owner shall be
63 criminally liable for obtaining money under false pretenses.

64 *Section 12.* The Massachusetts standardbred agricultural
65 fair and breeding fund committee shall establish a colt
66 futurity program and shall establish rules and regulations to
67 conduct the same.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 128 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (f) the follow-
3 ing paragraph:—

4 (g) To aid in the promotion, development and encourage-
5 ment of the breeding of thoroughbred horses, by offering as a
6 prize to the breeder of a Massachusetts bred thoroughbred
7 horse, a cash prize equal to twenty per cent of the first,
8 second, or third prize according to the position in which said
9 horse officially finished in a horse race conducted in the
10 commonwealth, and a further prize of five per cent of the
11 prize awarded said horse to the owner of the stallion which
12 sired said horse, provided said stallion stands in the common-
13 wealth. No person shall be eligible for the prizes provided
14 herein unless the following standards are met:

15 (1) The mare of said Massachusetts bred thoroughbred
16 horse shall have dropped said foal in the commonwealth.

17 (2) In determining the foaling place of said Massachusetts
18 bred horse the foaling certificate issued by the Jockey Club
19 shall be evidence thereof.

20 (3) The stallion shall have been based in the common-
21 wealth at the time of the conception of said foal to the
22 aforementioned mare.

23 (4) Each person standing a stallion in the commonwealth
24 shall register the stallion with the department of agriculture
25 stating said stallion is standing the entire stud season in the
26 commonwealth.

27 (5) Prior to December first of each year each person
28 standing a stallion in the commonwealth at either public or
29 private service shall file with the department of agriculture a
30 list of all mares bred to such stallion.

1 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 5 of chapter
2 128A of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of
3 chapter 97 of the acts of 1968, is hereby amended by striking
4 out, in lines 17–23, the words “in a race or races not
5 conducted in connection with a state or county fair, and
6 seventeen per cent of the total amount so deposited by the
7 patrons wagering on the speed or ability of running horses in
8 a race or races conducted in connection with a state or county
9 fair and on the speed or ability of harness horses or of dogs in
10 a race or races, whether or not conducted in connection with

11 a state or county fair" and inserting in place thereof the
12 following words:—and seventeen per cent of the total
13 amount so deposited by the patrons wagering on the speed or
14 ability of harness horses or of dogs.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 128A is hereby further amended
2 by striking out section 15, as most recently amended by
3 section 2 of chapter 628 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 15.* The receipts paid into the state treasury under
6 this chapter shall be credited to the General Fund; provided,
7 however, that of the payments made under section five by
8 licensees conducting racing meetings in connection with a
9 state or county fair, there shall be credited to the General
10 Fund an amount equal to two per cent of the total amount
11 wagered on each day of each meeting and the balance shall be
12 paid to the Agricultural Purposes Fund, fifty thousand
13 dollars of which shall be used in carrying out the provisions
14 of paragraph (*g*) of section two of chapter one hundred and
15 twenty-eight and the remainder shall be used in carrying out
16 the provisions of paragraphs (*b*) and (*f*) of said section two
17 and of sections ten and eleven of chapter twenty.

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