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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 158

H. P. 131

House of Representatives, January 8, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Austin of Bingham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning Identification and Testing of Equine Infectious Anemia on Horses.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA § 1820, sub-§ 3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 409, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Freeze branding required in certain cases. Freeze branding and lip tattoo are required on any horse which has been tested by the Coggins test with positive results.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA § 1820, sub-§ 4, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 409, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The commissioner shall require a negative Coggins test, taken within 36 months, on all horses raced, exhibited or stabled on race tracks or fairgrounds where other horses are being raced, exhibited or stabled.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that all horses which are reactors to the Coggins test for equine infectious anemia be freeze branded and lip tattooed for permanent identification.

The frequency of required testing for equine infectious anemia will be lengthened from one year to 36 months.