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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 94, L.D. 85, Bill, "An Act to Further Define a Strain of Maine Standardbred Horses"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §281-A is enacted to read:

**§281-A. Standardbred horses eligible for registration**

Notwithstanding section 281, a foal resulting from insemination during the 2003, 2004 or 2005 breeding season may be registered as a Maine Standardbred if it is the offspring of a stallion registered with the department to stand at stud in the State for the breeding season during which the insemination took place and all other registration requirements are met.

**Sec. 2. Report on breeding and registration of Maine Standardbred horses.** No later than February 1, 2005, the State Harness Racing Commission shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters on the breeding of Maine Standardbred horses. The report must include a discussion of the definition of "Maine Standardbred horse" and the impact on Maine breeders and racing of allowing registration as a Maine Standardbred of the offspring of a mare inseminated with semen transported out of state. The commission shall make recommendations regarding the definition of "Maine Standardbred horse." During the First Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature

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having jurisdiction over agricultural matters may report out  
legislation regarding the definition of "Maine Standardbred  
horse."

### SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows the State  
Harness Racing Commission to register as a Maine Standardbred  
horse offspring produced during a year in which the offspring's  
sire was registered and stabled in Maine for breeding purposes.  
The State Harness Racing Commission is required to report to the  
joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
over agricultural matters on the breeding of Maine Standardbred  
horses and to make recommendations regarding the definition of  
"Maine Standardbred horse."

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

Approved: 02/20/03 *MAC*

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 85**

**An Act to Further Define a Strain of Maine Standardbred Horses**

**LR 1202(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Original Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund