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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 245, L.D. 696, Bill, "An Act To Include Raising Equines in the Definition of Agriculture for the Purpose of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §102, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

**2. Agriculture.** "Agriculture" means the operation of farm premises, including:

A. The planting, cultivating, producing, growing and harvesting of agricultural or horticultural commodities on those premises;

B. The raising of livestock and poultry on those premises; or

C. Any work performed as an incident to or in conjunction with these farm operations, including the packing, drying and storing of these commodities for market, if these operations:

(1) Are incident to or in conjunction with growing and harvesting farm operations of the same employer; and

(2) Are not provided as a service for other farm operations or employers; or

D. Equine activity, as defined in Title 7, section 4101, subsection 5.

**Sec. 2. Application.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 302, this Act applies to all cases currently pending before the Workers' Compensation Board on the effective date of this Act.'

SUMMARY

This amendment expands the definition of "agriculture" in the workers' compensation law by adding equine activity to the definition. "Equine activity" means activities as

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1 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 4101, subsection 5, which includes  
2 boarding, keeping, trailering, showing and displaying an equine. Additionally, this  
3 amendment applies to cases currently pending before the Workers' Compensation Board  
4 on the effective date of the Legislation.