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(Filing No S-148)

REPORT A

TRANSPORTATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 581, L D 1463, "An Act Regarding Equines and the Raising and Keeping of Livestock in Certain Motor Vehicle and Tax Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing'

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following
**'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§17-A is enacted to read
17-A. Commercial track. "Commercial track" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 275-A, subsection 1.'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 23 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 6 in L D) by inserting after the following "equines" the following 'not raised for racing at a commercial track'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following
'Sec. 2. Report. By November 6, 2024, the Secretary of State shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23 After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 '

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to SP 581, LD 1463 (5-148)

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the definition of "farming" in the motor vehicle statutes to include raising equines not raised for commercial racing. It removes the section of the bill that amended the definition of "commercial agricultural production" in the laws governing sales and use tax. It requires the Secretary of State to provide a report that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by November 6, 2024. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1463

LR 2239(02)

An Act Regarding Equines and the Raising and Keeping of Livestock in Certain Motor Vehicle and Tax Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium revenue decrease - Highway Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Including equines not raised for racing at a commercial track in the definition of farming would change the registration requirement for certain vehicles from commercial to farming, potentially reducing Highway Fund revenue. The Secretary of State is required to report the financial impact of this change to the Transportation Committee by January 24th, 2025.