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H.B. No. 1881

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Texas Equine Incentive Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.044. EQUINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. (a) The department shall create and administer an equine incentive program to provide an incentive for the owners of certain show horses to enter the horses as participants in horse shows in this state. The program may apply only to the following breeds of horses:

(1) thoroughbreds;

(2) paint horses; and

(3) quarter horses.

(b) The owner of a stallion that has sired more than five foals shall, when the owner submits a breeding report to the applicable breeders' association, submit a duplicate of the report to the department for the sixth and any subsequent foal sired by the stallion. An owner required to submit a duplicate breeding report by this subsection shall pay the department an equine incentive program fee in an amount of not less than \$30, as determined by the department, in connection with each report submitted to the department.

(c) The department by rule shall provide for the use of fees collected under Subsection (b) to grant equine incentive awards to

1 the owners of eligible foals that participate in horse shows in this
2 state. A foal is eligible for an incentive award under this section
3 only if an equine incentive program fee has been paid on behalf of
4 the foal's sire.

5 (d) The department by rule shall establish a point system by
6 which the owner of an eligible foal may receive an equine incentive
7 award based on the foal's participation in horse show events
8 sanctioned by the applicable horse breeders' association.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.