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H.B. No. 1215

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of the equine incentive program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.044, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. (a) The equine incentive program under Section 12.044, Agriculture Code, is abolished September 1, 2013.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2013, the Department of Agriculture shall distribute any money remaining on the effective date of this Act from fees collected under Section 12.044(b), Agriculture Code, to the applicable breeders' associations. The department shall distribute to each breeders' association an amount of money determined by multiplying the amount of money remaining on the effective date of this Act from fees collected under Section 12.044(b), Agriculture Code, by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of money collected under that subsection during the operation of the equine incentive program in connection with the breeding of mares registered or associated with that breeders' association and the denominator of which is the total amount of money collected under that subsection during the operation of the equine incentive program in connection with the breeding of mares registered or associated with all breeders' associations. A breeders' association may use money received under this subsection only to promote the equine industry in this state.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.