

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 Section 12.044, Agriculture Code, is repealed.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, 2015.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2015, 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, 2015.

S.B. No. 928

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor