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CONSENT

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Bill No: AB 1142  
Author: Hoover (R)  
Amended: 8/25/25 in Senate  
Vote: 21

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SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: 5-0, 7/1/25  
AYES: Hurtado, Alvarado-Gil, Cortese, McNerney, Padilla

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: Senate Rule 28.8

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 70-0, 5/15/25 - See last page for vote

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**SUBJECT:** Horses: horse shows, competitions, and sales

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This bill increases specified fee thresholds, for an entry fee to a public equine event, by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) from \$4.99 to \$15.00 and from \$19.99 to \$60.00 if other fees are involved and specifies the secretary may, in consultation with the Equine Medication Monitoring Program (EMMP) Advisory Committee, increase these amounts.

**ANALYSIS:**

Existing law:

- 1) Defines “event” to mean a public equine event or public horse sale that is held in the state, including a cutting horse competition, an endurance riding competition, a competitive trail riding competition, or any other competition as determined by the department via regulation.
- 2) Regulates public equine events and horse sales via regulations through the secretary of CDFA.

- 3) Establishes the California Equine Medication Rule: Food and Agricultural Code section 24000 establishes a framework to ensure the integrity of public equine events and public horse sales through the control of performance enhancing substances while limiting permitted therapeutic usage at horse shows and competitions. Using this framework, CDFA has established regulations to create the EMMP which conducts random drug tests.
- 4) States that an equine event is subject to Chapter 8, Drugging of Horses, shall meet all of the following criteria:
  - a) Money, goods, or services are exchanged for the right to compete.
  - b) Individuals compete for a single set of placings, points, or awards at the equine event.
- 5) Establishes the EMMP Advisory Committee which provides recommendations to the secretary on issues including, but not limited to, proposed regulations, testing protocols, medication use, enforcement, and testing.

This bill:

- 1) Changes the fee threshold for a one-day event entry fee for a single class from \$4.99 to \$15.00, and the additional fee threshold, from \$19.99 to \$60.
- 2) Specifies the secretary may, by regulation, increase these amounts in consultation with the EMMP Advisory Committee.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: Yes Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/25/25)

Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/25/25)

None received

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:** According to the author:

“AB 1142 is a common-sense solution to a legislative need in my local community and our state. With the current fee exemption set in 1971, we are

long overdue for updated fee limits that reflect modern costs. Increasing the current fee limits that qualify for the Equine Medication Monitoring Program exemption provides the necessary flexibility for amateur horse shows to continue serving those in our community.”

The Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association writes in support of the bill stating:

“There was no provision for inflation written into the original bill to allow for increases to the maximum exemption fees of \$4.99 (entry fee) and \$19.99 (total of other fees). However, the drug assessment fee, which was outboard from the bill, has increased over the past 50 years to accommodate for inflation. Cost to provide equine experiences have increased significantly since 1971. Facility rent, insurance, cost of judges, awards, are just a few of the expenses incurred when putting on horseshow. The groups listed above are just a few of many that are finding it difficult to provide equine grassroot experiences without financial consequences.”

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 70-0, 5/15/25

AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Ransom, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Soria, Ta, Tangipa, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO VOTE RECORDED: Alanis, Arambula, Castillo, Lee, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Solache, Stefani, Valencia

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