

**CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

AB 1142 (Hoover)

As Amended August 25, 2025

Majority vote

**SUMMARY**

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.

**Senate Amendments**

- 1) Changes the event fee from \$40.00 to \$15.00.
- 2) Allows CDFA, by regulation, to increase the amounts for one day equestrian events in consultation with the EMMP advisory committee, as specified.

**COMMENTS**

The intent of the EMMP is to ensure the integrity of public horse shows, competitions and sales through the control of performance and disposition enhancing drugs and permitting limited therapeutic use of drugs at an equine event.

An "event" is defined in FAC Section 24001 as any public horse show, competition, or sale in which money, goods, or services are exchanged for the right to compete for a single set of placings leading to points or awards at the show or competition, or to permit a horse to be consigned for sale.

**According to the Author**

This bill 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.

**Arguments in Support**

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.

**Arguments in Opposition**

None on File

## FISCAL COMMENTS

According to CDFA, based on fiscal year 2023-24 revenues, raising the fee threshold would result in an annual revenue loss of approximately \$102,000 (special fund). This represents about 12% of the total program revenue. The department's estimate assumes that approximately 250 events, involving a total of 8,600 horses, would be exempt from paying fees, as these events would no longer meet the definition of an "event" under EMMP.

## VOTES:

### ASM AGRICULTURE: 8-0-0

**YES:** Soria, Alanis, Aguiar-Curry, Connolly, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Irwin, Ransom

### ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

**YES:** Wicks, Sanchez, Arambula, Calderon, Caloza, Dixon, Elhawary, Fong, Mark González, Hadwick, Hart, Pacheco, Solache, Ta

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Pellerin

### ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 70-0-9

**YES:** 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

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Alanis, Arambula, Castillo, Lee, Quirk-Silva, Ramos, Solache, Stefani, Valencia

### SENATE FLOOR: 37-0-3

**YES:** Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Hurtado, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Rubio, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Valladares, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

**ABS, ABST OR NV:** Allen, Jones, Reyes

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