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HOUSE BILL 16-1124

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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House Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, & Natural Resources

Senate Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF BRAND INSPECTIONS FOR  
102 REGISTERED EQUINE LIVESTOCK.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Current law requires brand inspections on all livestock whenever sold or moved interstate or intrastate. The bill exempts registered equine livestock from the inspection requirements.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-41-104, **amend**  
2 (1.5) as follows:

3           **35-41-104. Board's authority to impose fees and charges -**  
4 **rules - definition.** (1.5) **Equine livestock.** (a) The board is hereby  
5 authorized to levy and collect, through authorized brand inspectors, a  
6 per-head inspection fee in an amount determined by the board by rule on  
7 all UNREGISTERED equine livestock inspected. The inspection fee  
8 established pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall apply when any  
9 UNREGISTERED equine livestock are being consigned to a  
10 Colorado-licensed public livestock market.

11           (b) In addition, the board is authorized to levy and collect, through  
12 authorized brand inspectors, a minimum fee in an amount determined by  
13 the board by rule from each person, company, or corporation requesting  
14 the brand inspection or from whom a brand inspection is required by law.  
15 The minimum fee shall be due and payable to the inspector when the  
16 inspector arrives at the designated inspection point, whether or not an  
17 inspection of the livestock actually takes place.

18           (c) BRAND INSPECTORS SHALL NOT INSPECT REGISTERED EQUINE  
19 LIVESTOCK.

20           (d) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (1.5), "REGISTERED  
21 EQUINE" MEANS A HORSE THAT IS REGISTERED WITH A:

22           (I) BREED ASSOCIATION; OR

23           (II) PERFORMANCE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A COMPETITION  
24 LICENSE FOR EACH HORSE.

25           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August

1 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
2 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
3 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
4 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
5 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.