

HOUSE No. 269

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating thoroughbred breeding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 269) of Tackey Chan further regulating thoroughbred breeding. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 329 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act further regulating thoroughbred breeding.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2(g) and
2 inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 (g) Promote, develop and encourage through the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeding
4 Program, the breeding of thoroughbred horses in the commonwealth by offering cash prizes to
5 breeders of such horses in the following manner: the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders
6 Association, Inc. shall from time to time after discussion with the director of racing set the
7 percentages for bonuses to be awarded to the breeder of a Massachusetts bred thoroughbred
8 horse, of the purse monies won by said thoroughbred horse in any pari-mutuel running horse race
9 if said horse finishes first, second, third, fourth or fifth; the percentage for incentives to the
10 owner of the stallion, at the time of service to the dam of such purse winner; provided, however,

11 that (i) the stallion was registered by February 1st and stood the entire breeding season for that
12 year in the commonwealth, (ii) the horse finishes first, second, third, fourth or fifth and (iii) said
13 stallion is registered with the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association and was not
14 registered to stand in any other state that year; the percentage for incentives for the purse monies
15 won by said thoroughbred horse in any unrestricted pari-mutuel running horse race held within
16 or outside the commonwealth to the owner of a Massachusetts bred/accredited horse if said horse
17 finishes first, second, third, fourth or fifth.

18 The Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc. is further authorized to pay
19 incentives for races to be limited to Massachusetts bred and accredited thoroughbred race horses
20 from the Massachusetts thoroughbred breeding program at licensed pari-mutuel race meetings
21 authorized by the state racing authority and after discussion with the Massachusetts director of
22 racing, and to pay cash incentives to encourage breeding in Massachusetts. Such races may be
23 betting or non-betting races and may or may not be scheduled races by the licensee conducting
24 the racing meeting. Purse monies paid by the association under this section may be in such
25 amounts as the association shall determine and may be the sole cash purse for such races or may
26 be supplemental to the cash purses established by the licensee; and such discretion shall include
27 the discretion to set an overall cap on awards earned.

28 No person shall be eligible for the prizes provided herein unless the following standards
29 are met:

30 (1) The foal of a thoroughbred mare that drops said foal in the commonwealth and is bred
31 back to a Massachusetts registered stallion shall be a Massachusetts bred; or

32 (2) The foal of a thoroughbred mare who resides in the commonwealth continuously for
33 at least 90 days which includes foaling and foals in the commonwealth shall be Massachusetts
34 bred.

35 (3) Any foal that is raised in the commonwealth for six months continuously prior to
36 December 31st of its two year old year shall be a Massachusetts accredited horse.

37 (4) In either case of subparagraph (1),(2) or (3) each thoroughbred foal dropped or raised
38 in the commonwealth shall be registered with the Jockey Club, and the Massachusetts
39 Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

40 (5) Prior to the first day of September of each year, each person standing a thoroughbred
41 stallion in the commonwealth at either private or public service shall file with the the
42 Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association:

43 (a) a list of all thoroughbred mares bred to such stallion in that year; and (b) a verified
44 statement representing that said stallion stood the entire breeding season in the commonwealth.

45 A Massachusetts accredited thoroughbred shall be eligible for any Massachusetts bred
46 race, except for Massachusetts restricted stakes races. For Massachusetts bred stake races
47 Massachusetts accredited horses may enter to fill the race after all Massbreds have already been
48 entered in the race (Massbreds preferred). "Full race" to be determined by MTBA and the
49 hosting track for the race.

50 Prior to the first day of September of each year, each person raising a weanling or
51 yearling in Massachusetts for six months prior to December 31st of the horse's two-year old year

52 shall file with the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association a verified statement that it
53 is raising the horse in Massachusetts and the location of the horse.

54 The Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc. is hereby further authorized
55 to pay foaling bonuses to the owner of any mare that foals within the Commonwealth. To be
56 eligible for such bonus, prior to foaling, the owner of such mare shall file with the Massachusetts
57 Thoroughbred Breeders Association a verified statement that the mare is in foal, the expected
58 due date and the location of the mare.

59 The Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc. is hereby further authorized
60 to expend up to twelve percent of the amount received each fiscal year for said program for
61 advertising, marketing, promotion, and administration for the thoroughbred breeding program in
62 the commonwealth.

63 The state auditor shall annually audit the books of the Massachusetts Thoroughbred
64 Breeders Association Inc., to ensure compliance with this section.