

HOUSE No. 287

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

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 relative to thoroughbred horse breeding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Essex

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By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 287) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to thoroughbred horse breeding. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 316 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to thoroughbred horse 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 SECTION 1: Section 2 of Chapter 128 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (g),
2 as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 subsection:-

4 (g) Promote, develop and encourage, through the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeding
5 Program, the breeding of Thoroughbred horses in the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts
6 Thoroughbred Breeders Association. The MTBA shall set: (i) the percentages for cash prizes to
7 be awarded to the breeder for a MA-bred Thoroughbred horse, of the purse monies won by said
8 horse in any pari-mutual running horse race in North America, if said horse finishes first, second,
9 or third; (ii) the percentage for a cash prize to the owner of the stallion, at the time of service to
10 the dam of such purse winner, provided that said stallion was properly registered with the MTBA

11 at the time of service; (iii) the percentage for a cash prize to the owner of said MA-bred
12 Thoroughbred horse if the horse finishes first, second or third in an unrestricted pari-mutual
13 running horse race.

14 The MTBA is further authorized to pay cash prizes for races to be limited to
15 Massachusetts Bred Thoroughbred race horses, registered with the Jockey Club and the MTBA
16 at licensed pari-mutual race meetings. Such races may be betting or non-betting races and may
17 or may not be scheduled races by the licensee conducting the race meeting. Purse monies paid
18 by the MTBA under this section may be in such amounts as the association shall determine and
19 may be the sole cash purse for such races or may be supplemental to the cash purses established
20 by the licensee. The MTBA shall establish a limit to the amount that any person, partnership,
21 corporation, or group of persons may receive from the association for an individual
22 Thoroughbred horse race within the Commonwealth.

23 To be eligible for the prizes provided, a person must be a paid-up member of the MTBA
24 or must agree to a one-time annual processing fee.

25 No person, partnership, corporation, or group of persons shall be eligible for the prizes
26 provided herein unless the following standards are met:

27 (1) The thoroughbred foal, properly registered with the Jockey Club and the MTBA
28 shall be the foal of a Thoroughbred mare that dropped said foal in the Commonwealth and was
29 bred back to a Massachusetts stallion registered with the MTBA. Or:

30 (2) The Thoroughbred foal, properly registered with the Jockey Club, and the MTBA
31 shall be the foal of a resident Thoroughbred mare that resided continuously in the
32 Commonwealth from the fifteenth day of October of the year of conception. If an in-foal mare is

33 purchased at public auction prior to December 15 (must be a completed public sale, not an RNA
34 or a private transaction after the public sale), she must be domiciled in the Commonwealth
35 within 14 days of the date of purchase and continue such residence through foaling.

36 (3) In either case the mare is required to stay in the Commonwealth for a continuous
37 stay of not less than 60 days before or after foaling.

38 (4) Resident in-foal mares require that domicile reports be filed with the MTBA by
39 certified mail by October 15 (or 14 days after date of purchase for mares purchased at public
40 auction prior to December 15). All changes in domicile and/or ownership must be reported to
41 the MTBA by certified mail within 14 days of the event.

42 (5) Prior to the first day of August of each year, each person standing a Thoroughbred
43 stallion in the Commonwealth at either public or private service shall file with the MTBA (a) a
44 list of all Thoroughbred mares bred to such stallion in that year; and (b) a verified statement
45 representing that said stallion stood the entire breeding season in the Commonwealth.

46 All stallions and in-foal mares registered with the MTBA are subject to on-site inspection
47 at any time to ensure domicile status.

48 The MTBA is authorized to expend up to 12 percent funds for said program for
49 advertising, marketing, promotion, and administration of the Thoroughbred breeding program in
50 the Commonwealth, which may include incentive payments to owners of qualified broodmares
51 and stallions residing in the state of Massachusetts.

52 The state auditor shall annually audit the books of the MTBA to insure compliance with
53 this section.