

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

S.P. 581 - L.D. 1463

**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle
Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:

17-A. Commercial track. "Commercial track" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 275-A, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§23, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

23. Farming. "Farming" means engaging in farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil as a livelihood and includes dairying; raising livestock, equines not raised for racing at a commercial track, freshwater fish, fur-bearing animals or poultry; producing, cultivating, growing and harvesting fruit, produce or floricultural or horticultural commodities; or any practices on a farm that are incident to or in conjunction with these farming operations. For the purposes of this Title, "farming" does not include forestry; or the growing of timber or the operation of a farm for recreational activity.

Sec. 3. Report. By November 6, 2024, the Secretary of State shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.