

By: Representative Shows

To: Agriculture

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1050

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-15-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A MICROCHIP IN EQUINE IN CONNECTION WITH  
3 THE COGGINS TEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 69-15-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 69-15-117. (1) The owner or possessor of an equine, as  
8 defined in Section 95-11-3, shall not take the equine into any  
9 state or local government facility or multipurpose building where  
10 animals are housed or held for exhibits, shows or sales unless the  
11 owner or possessor displays to the operator of the facility a  
12 certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian showing that the  
13 equine is free of equine infectious anemia. A Coggins test must  
14 have been performed within the twelve (12) months immediately  
15 preceding the exhibit, show or sale. The use of a microchip in  
16 equine in connection with the Coggins test is expressly  
17 prohibited. Shows on privately owned property are exempt from  
18 this act.

19 (2) The Board of Animal Health shall promulgate rules and  
20 regulations to enforce this section.

21 (3) Any person violating this section or the rules and  
22 regulations promulgated under this section by the Board of Animal  
23 Health is subject to the penalties provided in Section 69-15-65.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 1999.