

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 539

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-15-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL EQUIDAE LOCATED ON ANY PREMISE IN THE STATE  
3 WHERE THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND WHERE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIP OF THE  
4 EQUIDAE OCCURS, FOR ANY PURPOSE, SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE  
5 ORIGINAL COPY OF A NEGATIVE CURRENT EQUINE INFECTION ANEMIA TEST;  
6 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 69-15-117. (1) All equidae located on any premise within  
11 the state where the public is invited to participate and where  
12 multiple ownership of the equidae occurs, for any purpose,  
13 including, but not limited to, training, breeding, performing or  
14 exhibition shall be accompanied by the original copy of a negative  
15 current equine infectious anemia (EIA) test. All equidae moving  
16 within the state for any reason shall be accompanied by the  
17 original copy of a negative current equine infectious anemia (EIA)  
18 test. Equidae being sold at a public sale or sold at a private  
19 sale shall have a negative current equine infectious anemia (EIA)  
20 test. Such test, to be considered current, must have been  
21 performed within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the  
22 event.

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

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

28           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2001.