

By: Representative Dedeaux

To: Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 539  
(As Sent to Governor)

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

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

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

9 69-15-117. (1) All equidae located on any premises within  
10 the state where the public participates in equine activities for  
11 any purpose, including, but not limited to, training, breeding,  
12 performing or exhibition shall be accompanied by the original copy  
13 of a negative current equine infectious anemia (EIA) test. All  
14 equidae moving within the state for any reason shall be  
15 accompanied by the original copy of a negative current equine  
16 infectious anemia (EIA) test. Equidae being sold at a public sale  
17 or sold at a private sale shall have a negative current equine  
18 infectious anemia (EIA) test.

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, 2001.