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

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

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

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

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

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

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