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HOUSE FILE 2717
BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 711)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for an equine industry development commission
2 and related fund.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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3 commission established pursuant to section 175B.2.

4 2. "Department" means the department of agriculture and
5 land stewardship.

6 3. "Fund" means the equestrian industry development fund
7 created pursuant to section 175B.6.

8 4. "Secretary" means the secretary of agriculture.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 175B.2 EQUINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
10 COMMISSION.

11 1. An equine industry development commission is
12 established within the department.

13 2. The commission shall be composed of the following
14 members:

15 a. Three nonvoting, ex officio members who shall include
16 all of the following:

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18 (2) The head of the department of animal science of the
19 college of agriculture at Iowa state university or that
20 person's designee.

21 (3) A member of the prairie meadows racetrack and casino
22 board of directors who is appointed by the board.

23 b. Eleven voting members who shall be appointed by the
24 governor. The voting members must be presently actively
25 engaged or have long been actively engaged in providing for
26 the care and management of equines, including breeds of equine
27 common in this state. Eight of the members shall be actively
28 engaged in areas of equine expertise, which shall include at
29 least all of the following:

30 (1) Racing or speed events, which may include
31 quarterhorse, thoroughbred, or harness racing.

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33 may include shows, exhibitions, rodeos, or other contests.

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35 riding.

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2 carriages, or agricultural equipment or implements.
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4 livestock.
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7 management, which may include auctioneers, stables, trainers,
8 tack dealers, feed dealers, or ferrriers.
- 9 (8) The practice of veterinary medicine.
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11 a list of nominations submitted by organizations representing
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15 69.16 and 69.16A. In addition, the appointments shall be
16 geographically balanced. Unless the governor determines that
17 it is not feasible, at least one person appointed as a voting
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19 districts at the time of appointment.
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22 the governor shall appoint initial members to serve for less
23 than five years to ensure members serve staggered terms. A
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25 commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the
26 regular term in the same manner as regular appointments are
27 made.
- 28 5. The commission shall elect a chairperson from among its
29 voting members each year on a rotating basis as provided by
30 the commission. The commission shall meet on a regular basis
31 and at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request
32 to the chairperson of five or more voting members.
- 33 6. Members are not entitled to receive compensation but
34 shall receive reimbursement of expenses from the department as
35 provided in section 7E.6.

1 7. Six voting members constitute a quorum and the
2 affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present
3 is necessary for any substantive action to be taken by the
4 commission. The majority shall not include any member who has
5 a conflict of interest and a statement by a member that the
6 member has a conflict of interest is conclusive for this
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9 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 175B.3 COMMISSION'S MISSION.

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11 to promoting the collective interests of the state's equine
12 industry. The commission's mission is to establish, improve,
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17 enhance the health and quality of life for Iowans.

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26 may conduct surveys, sponsor meetings or public hearings,
27 collect data, cooperate with interested private or public
28 organizations, and consult with persons actively engaged in
29 improving or expanding the equine industry.

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31 the care and management of equines. The programs or projects
32 may include establishing, improving, or expanding continuing
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34 techniques. The commission may provide technical assistance
35 to owners, trainers, stables, veterinarians, and ferrriers and

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5 awareness of equine breeds, equine events and activities, the
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7 equines and equestrians, especially among families and young
8 persons.

9 4. Assist in the establishment, improvement, or expansion
10 of private and public equestrian infrastructure, including but
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12 historic farms, and spectator facilities.

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14 legislative or administrative measures which impact the equine
15 industry.

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17 rules relating to the equine industry and may recommend model
18 ordinances and regulations pertaining to zoning and the care
19 and custody of equines.

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22 legislation but shall not directly or indirectly attempt to
23 influence the passage of legislation.

24 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 175B.5 DEPARTMENT DUTIES.

25 The department shall assist the commission in carrying out
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28 1. Furnishing facilities, supplies, and clerical
29 assistance.

30 2. Executing contracts with or awarding moneys for
31 programs or projects as provided in section 175B.4.

32 3. Administering the equestrian industry development fund
33 as provided in section 175B.6.

34 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 175B.6 EQUESTRIAN INDUSTRY
35 DEVELOPMENT FUND.

1 1. An equestrian industry development fund is created in
2 the state treasury under the control of the department. The
3 fund is composed of moneys appropriated by the general
4 assembly and moneys available to and obtained or accepted by
5 the department from the United States or private sources for
6 placement in the fund.

7 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department
8 exclusively to assist the commission in carrying out its
9 duties as provided in section 175B.4.

10 3. Section 8.33 shall not apply to moneys in the fund.
11 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, moneys earned as income or
12 interest from the fund shall remain in the fund until expended
13 as provided in this section.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill establishes an equine industry development
16 commission which is housed in the department of agriculture
17 and land stewardship. The commission is composed of both
18 nonvoting, ex officio members and voting members. The
19 nonvoting, ex officio members include the state veterinarian
20 or a designee, the head of the department of animal science
21 within the college of agriculture at Iowa state university or
22 a designee, and a member of the prairie meadows racetrack and
23 casino board of directors as appointed by the board. The
24 commission includes 11 voting members appointed by the
25 governor who are actively engaged or have long been actively
26 engaged in providing for the care and management of equines.
27 The bill requires that a number of the appointees have
28 expertise in diverse areas of equine endeavors, including
29 racing, ring or arena events, recreational activities, power-
30 related activities such as pulling wagons or plows, ranching,
31 breeding, providing support services, and providing veterinary
32 care. The bill provides a number of procedures for the
33 appointment of members, voting, conduct of meetings, and
34 reimbursement of members, which are consistent with other
35 statutes establishing citizen appointed bodies.

1 The bill states that the commission's mission is to
2 establish, improve, and expand best management practices,
3 preserve and enhance equine breeds, promote equestrian
4 businesses and activities in this state in order to create and
5 capitalize upon economic opportunities, improve the quality of
6 the environment, and enhance the health and quality of life
7 for Iowans.

8 The bill authorizes the commission to perform a number of
9 duties required to accomplish its mission, including
10 monitoring the equine industry in this state, initiating or
11 supporting programs and projects which enhance the care and
12 management of equines, providing for educational and
13 promotional events and materials, supporting private and
14 public equestrian infrastructure, and assisting governments
15 when considering legislative or administrative measures. The
16 department is required to assist the commission in carrying
17 out its mission, including providing for facilities and
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20 fund under the control of the department. Moneys in the fund
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HOUSE FILE 2717

H-8302

1 Amend House File 2717 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking line 17 and inserting the
3 following:

4 "(1) The bureau chief of the horse and dog bureau
5 of the department of agriculture and land stewardship,
6 or the bureau chief's designee."

7 2. Page 2, line 8, by striking the word
8 "ferriers" and inserting the following: "farriers".

9 3. Page 2, lines 10 and 11, by striking the words
10 "members based on a list of" and inserting the
11 following: "members. The governor shall consider".

12 4. Page 3, line 35, by striking the word
13 "ferriers" and inserting the following: "farriers".

By DAVITT of Warren

STRUYK of Pottawattamie

H-8302 FILED MARCH 16, 2006

HOUSE FILE 2717

H-8307

1 Amend the amendment H-8302, to House File 2717, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 13 the
4 following:

5 "____. Page 5, by inserting after line 13 the
6 following:

7 "Sec. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
8 on February 1, 2007."

9 ____ . Title page, line 2, by inserting after the
10 word "fund" the following: ", and providing an
11 effective date".

12 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By STRUYK of Pottawattamie

H-8307 FILED MARCH 16, 2006

H-8318

1 Amend the amendment, H-8302, to House File 2717 as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 6, the
4 following:

5 "____. Page 1, line 24, by inserting after the
6 word "governor" the following: "and confirmed by the
7 senate pursuant to section 2.32"."

8 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By DAVITT of Warren

H-8318 FILED MARCH 20, 2006

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House Amendments _____

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S-5216

1 Amend House File 2717, as amended, passed, and
2 reprinted by the House, as follows:
3 1. Page 5, lines 6 and 7, by striking the words
4 "appropriated by the general assembly and moneys".
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By JOHN PUTNEY

S-5216 FILED APRIL 24, 2006

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22 person's designee.

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24 board of directors who is appointed by the board.

25 b. Eleven voting members who shall be appointed by the
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30 this state. Eight of the members shall be actively engaged in
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32 the following:

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34 quarterhorse, thoroughbred, or harness racing.

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17 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on February
18 1, 2007.

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19 (2) Two persons appointed by the president of Iowa state
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23 (b) A state equine specialist associated with the
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