

**SENATE . . . . . No. 198**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James E. Timilty*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to thoroughbred horse breeding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 198) of James E. Timilty, Stephen L. DiNatale, Jennifer L. Flanagan and Steven S. Howitt for legislation relative to thoroughbred horse breeding. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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An Act relative to thoroughbred horse breeding.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2(g) and  
2 inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 (g)Promote, develop and encourage, through the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeding  
4 Program, the breeding of Thoroughbred horses in the Commonwealth through the Massachusetts  
5 Thoroughbred Breeders Association. The MTBA shall set: (1) the percentages for cash prizes to  
6 be awarded to the breeder for a MA-bred Thoroughbred horse, of the purse monies won by said  
7 horse in any pari-mutual running horse race in North America, if said horse finishes first, second,  
8 or third; (2) the percentage for a cash prize to the owner of the stallion, at the time of service to  
9 the dam of such purse winner, provided that said stallion was properly registered with the MTBA  
10 at the time of service; (3) the percentage for a cash prize to the owner of said MA-bred  
11 Thoroughbred horse if the horse finishes first, second or third in an unrestricted pari-mutual  
12 running horse race.

13 The MTBA is further authorized to pay cash prizes for races to be limited to  
14 Massachusetts Bred Thoroughbred race horses, registered with the Jockey Club and the MTBA  
15 at licensed pari-mutual race meetings. Such races may be betting or non-betting races and may  
16 or may not be scheduled races by the licensee conducting the race meeting. Purse monies paid  
17 by the MTBA under this section may be in such amounts as the association shall determine and  
18 may be the sole cash purse for such races or may be supplemental to the cash purses established  
19 by the licensee. The MTBA shall establish a limit to the amount that any person, partnership,  
20 corporation, or group of persons may receive from the association for an individual  
21 Thoroughbred horse race within the Commonwealth.

22 To be eligible for the prizes provided, a person must be a paid-up member of the MTBA  
23 or must agree to a one-time annual processing fee.

24 No person, partnership, corporation, or group of persons shall be eligible for the prizes  
25 provided herein unless the following standards are met:

26 (1) The thoroughbred foal, properly registered with the Jockey Club and the MTBA  
27 shall be the foal of a Thoroughbred mare that dropped said foal in the Commonwealth and was  
28 bred back to a Massachusetts stallion registered with the MTBA. Or:

29 (2) The Thoroughbred foal, properly registered with the Jockey Club, and the MTBA  
30 shall be the foal of a resident Thoroughbred mare that resided continuously in the  
31 Commonwealth from the fifteenth day of October of the year of conception. If an in-foal mare is  
32 purchased at public auction prior to December 15 (must be a completed public sale, not an RNA  
33 or a private transaction after the public sale), she must be domiciled in the Commonwealth  
34 within 14 days of the date of purchase and continue such residence through foaling.

35 (3) In either case the mare is required to stay in the Commonwealth for a continuous  
36 stay of not less than 60 days before or after foaling.

37 (4) Resident in-foal mares require that domicile reports be filed with the MTBA by  
38 certified mail by October 15 (or 14 days after date of purchase for mares purchased at public  
39 auction prior to December 15). All changes in domicile and/or ownership must be reported to  
40 the MTBA by certified mail within 14 days of the event.

41 Prior to the first day of August of each year, each person standing a Thoroughbred  
42 stallion in the Commonwealth at either public or private service shall file with the MTBA (a) a  
43 list of all Thoroughbred mares bred to such stallion in that year; and (b) a verified statement  
44 representing that said stallion stood the entire breeding season in the Commonwealth.

45 All stallions and in-foal mares registered with the MTBA are subject to on-site inspection  
46 at any time to ensure domicile status.

47 The MTBA is authorized to expend up to 12 percent funds for said program for  
48 advertising, marketing, promotion, and administration of the Thoroughbred breeding program in  
49 the Commonwealth, which may include incentive payments to owners of qualified broodmares  
50 and stallions residing in the state of Massachusetts.

51 The state auditor shall annually audit the books of the MTBA to insure compliance with  
52 this section.