

SENATE No. 2108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

SENATE, Monday, January 25, 2016

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 460) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Josh S. Cutler, Stephen Kulik, Keiko M. Orrall and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to horse riding instructor's licenses for legislation relative to horse riding instructor's licenses,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2108).

For the committee,
Anne M. Gobi

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An Act relative to horse riding instructor's licenses.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
2 172L the following new section:-

3 Section 172O. (a) Notwithstanding section 172 or any other general or special law to the
4 contrary, operators of a riding school or a stable where horses are kept that have been licensed
5 pursuant to section 2b of chapter 128 shall obtain all available criminal offender record
6 information as found in the court activity record information from the department of criminal
7 justice information services prior to accepting any person as an employee, volunteer, vendor or
8 contractor who as part of their duties work directly with children under 18, provided that any
9 such vendor or contractor is contracted to work on the premises of such riding school or stable
10 for a total of 5 or more days annually, and in order to further the protection of children, the
11 department of agricultural resources shall obtain all available criminal offender record
12 information as found in the court activity record information for the purposes of evaluating all
13 riding school or stable operators applying for licensure pursuant to said section 2b of said chapter

14 128. Any entity or organization obtaining information under this section shall not disseminate
15 such information for any purpose other than to further the protection of children.

16 SECTION 2. Section 2A of Chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.