

SENATE No. 2155

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, March 3, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to horse riding instructor's licenses (Senate, No. 2108),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2155).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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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 172M, inserted by section 4 of chapter 10 of the acts of 2015, the following new section:-

3 Section 172N. (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 a person as an employee, volunteer, vendor or
8 contractor who as part of the person's duties works with children 18 years of age or less;
9 provided, however, that any such vendor or contractor is contracted to work on the premises of
10 the riding school or stable for a total of not less than 5 days annually. The department of
11 agricultural resources shall obtain all available criminal offender record information for the
12 purposes of evaluating all riding school or stable operators applying for licensure pursuant to
13 said section 2B of said chapter 128. Any riding school or stable obtaining information under this

14 section shall not disseminate that information for any purpose other than to further the protection
15 of children.

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 Section 2A of chapter 128 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

17 SECTION 3. Section 2B of said chapter 128, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
18 hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:- The commissioner
19 shall obtain all available criminal offender record information pursuant to section 172N of
20 chapter 6 in order to assist the commissioner in evaluating a riding school or stable operator
21 applying for licensure under this section.