Chapter 24  

S.B. No. 928

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of the equine incentive program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.044, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

SECTION 2. (a) The equine incentive program under Section 12.044, Agriculture Code, is abolished September 1, 2015.

(b) Not later than December 31, 2015, the Department of Agriculture shall distribute any money remaining on the effective date of this Act from fees collected under Section 12.044(b), Agriculture Code, to the applicable breeders' associations. The department shall distribute to each breeders' association an amount of money determined by multiplying the amount of money remaining on the effective date of this Act from fees collected under Section 12.044(b), Agriculture Code, by a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of money collected under that subsection during the operation of the equine incentive program in connection with the breeding of mares registered or associated with that breeders' association and the denominator of which is the total amount of money collected under that subsection during the operation of the equine incentive program in connection with the breeding of mares registered or associated with all breeders' associations. A breeders' association may use money received under this subsection only to promote the equine industry in this state.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 928 passed the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved: 5-15-2015

Governor

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Secretary of State

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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB928 by Lucio (Relating to the abolition of the equine incentive program.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to abolish the equine incentive program. The bill would direct the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to distribute program collections to contributing breeders' associations no later than December 31, 2015. TDA would make distributions to each association based upon a formula in the bill. TDA indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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