

## Assembly Bill No. 1810

### CHAPTER 87

An act to amend Sections 24001 and 24013.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to horses.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1810, Galgiani. Horses: shows, competitions, and sales.

Existing law regulates horse shows, competitions, and sales. Existing law defines "event manager" for those purposes to be the person in charge of an event, including the person responsible for registering the event with the Department of Food and Agriculture.

This bill would change that definition to be the person in charge of an event, including the entity or individual financially responsible for the event that is responsible for registering the event with the department.

Under existing law, the Secretary of Food and Agriculture is required to appoint an advisory committee, comprised of representatives from various organizations with an interest in horse shows, competitions, and sales. The committee is required to meet at least twice per year.

This bill would require the committee to meet once per year, with additional meetings to be called as deemed necessary by the chairperson.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 24001 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

24001. For the purposes of this chapter:

(a) "Event" means any public horse show, competition (including cutting horse competitions, endurance riding competitions, competitive trail competitions, gymkhanas, and any other competition as determined by the secretary by regulation), or sale, in which money, goods, or services are exchanged for the right to compete for a single set of placings leading to points or awards at the show or competition, or to permit a horse to be consigned for sale. "Event" does not include any of the following:

- (1) Those competitions subject to the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board.
- (2) Sales consisting solely of racing stock.
- (3) A rodeo-related competition including both rough stock and timed performance competitions when held apart from a horse show.
- (4) Roping club events when held apart from a horse show.

- (5) Cattle team pennings when held apart from a horse show.
- (6) Barrel racing when held apart from a horse show.
- (7) Parade horse competitions.

(8) Public horse shows and public horse competitions that do not last longer than one day and whose total cumulative fees to enter into any one or all classes do not exceed four dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$4.99), unless otherwise prescribed by the secretary by regulation. “Grounds fees,” “stall fees,” or any other fee composed of money, goods, or services, which is assessed to permit competitors or consignors to enter into an event are considered a part of this total cumulative fee.

(b) “Event manager” means the person in charge of an event, including the entity or individual financially responsible for the event that is responsible for registering the event with the department, and who is responsible for the assessment, collection, and remittance of fees. “Event manager” includes horse show secretaries and managers, competitive event managers, and horse sale managers and sale owners.

(c) “Horse” means and includes all horses, mules, and asses.

(d) “Licensed veterinarian” means any person licensed as a veterinarian by the State of California.

(e) “Prohibited substance” is any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, anesthetic, including any local anesthetic, sedative analgesic, corticosteroid, anabolic steroid, or agent that would sore a horse, which could affect the performance, soundness, or disposition of a horse, or any drug regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might otherwise be that could interfere with the detection of any prohibited substance. It also includes any metabolite or derivative of any prohibited substance.

(f) “NSAIDs” are nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

(g) “Therapeutic administration” means the administration of a drug or medicine that is necessary for the treatment of an illness or injury diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. The administration of a prescription drug or medicine shall only be as given or prescribed by the licensed veterinarian. The administration of a nonprescription drug or medicine shall be in accordance with the directions on the manufacturer’s label.

(h) “Exempt medications” are oral or topical medications containing prohibited substances determined by the secretary to be exempt from this chapter when administered therapeutically.

(i) “Public” horse shows, competitions, or sales are those events that permit a person to enter or consign a horse for sale in exchange for money, goods, or services. Any club or group that permits people to join, enter into competition, or consign a horse for sale in exchange for money, goods, or services, is “public” for the purposes of this chapter.

(j) “Stimulant or depressant” means any medication that stimulates or depresses the circulatory, respiratory, or central or peripheral nervous system.

(k) To “sore” means to apply an irritating or blistering agent internally or externally for the purpose of affecting the performance, soundness, or disposition of a horse.

(l) “Trainer” means any person who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody, or performance of a horse, including, but not limited to, any person who signs any entry blank of any public horse show, competition, or sale, whether that person is an owner, rider, agent, coach, adult, or minor.

SEC. 2. Section 24013.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

24013.5. The secretary shall appoint an advisory committee to serve without compensation. The committee shall meet at least once a year, however, the chairperson may call for additional meetings as he or she determines are necessary. The committee shall elect a chairperson at its first meeting after appointment. Thereafter selection of the chairperson shall take place as deemed appropriate by, and at the pleasure of, the committee. Members of the committee and their alternates may include, but not be limited to, representation from the California State Horsemen’s Association, the Equestrian Trails, Inc., the California Professional Horsemen’s Association, the Los Angeles County Horse Show Exhibitors Association, the California Dressage Society, the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Association, the Central California Quarter Horse Association, the Division of Fairs and Expositions, the North American Trail Ride Conference, the American Horse Shows Association, the University of California School of Veterinary Medicine, the Appaloosa Club, the International Arabian Horse Association, the Pinto Horse Association of America, the California Veterinary Medical Association, the NorCal Hunter Jumper Association, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Gymkhana Association, the American Morgan Horse Association, the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association, the Pacific Coast Horse Shows Association, and any other organization the secretary deems appropriate. These advisory committee members and their alternates shall be representative of the industry that this chapter regulates. The members of the committee may also include, but are not limited to, representatives of breed associations represented within the state and other organizations with an interest in the deterrence of drug abuse in the industry that this chapter regulates. In addition, the secretary may appoint one public member to the committee.

Upon the secretary’s request, the committee shall submit to the secretary the names of three or more natural persons, each of whom shall be a citizen and resident of this state for appointment by the secretary as a public member and an alternate public member of the committee. The secretary may appoint one of the nominees as the public member on the committee. If all nominees are unsatisfactory to the secretary, the committee shall continue to submit lists of nominees until the secretary has made a selection. Any vacancy in the office of the public member of the committee shall be filled by appointment by the secretary from the nominee or nominees similarly qualified and submitted by the committee. The public member of the committee shall represent the interests of the general public in all matters

considered by the committee and shall have the same voting and other rights and immunities as other members of the committee.

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