

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1388**

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**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture**

March 4, 2013

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An act to amend Section 9641.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animal quarantine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1388, as introduced, Committee on Agriculture. Animal quarantine: horses and Equidae: importation: test verification.

Existing law requires any horse or other Equidae brought into this state to be accompanied by a certificate of health and verification that the horse or Equidae has been tested within the preceding 6 months and found negative to a test for equine infectious anemia, except as otherwise specified. A violation of those provisions is a crime.

This bill would instead require verification that a horse or other Equidae has been tested, and found negative, for equine infectious anemia within the preceding 12 months. The bill would also make technical changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9641.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 9641.5. (a) Any horse or other Equidae brought into this state
- 4 shall be accompanied by the following:
- 5 (a)

1 (1) A certificate of health from the state of origin issued by an  
2 accredited veterinarian. The certificate shall state that the horse or  
3 other Equidae is free from evidence of any communicable disease.

4 ~~(b)~~

5 (2) Verification that any horse or Equidae has been tested within  
6 the preceding ~~six~~ 12 months and found negative to a test for equine  
7 infectious anemia. The test shall be approved by the ~~director~~  
8 *secretary* and conducted by a laboratory approved by the United  
9 States Department of Agriculture, and the necessary sample shall  
10 be taken, and the verification signed by, an accredited veterinarian.

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12 (b) A nursing foal of less than six months of age when  
13 accompanied by a negative dam and any horse or other Equidae  
14 consigned for immediate slaughter shall be exempt from the testing  
15 requirements of this section.

16 ~~Any~~

17 (c) *Any* horse or other Equidae moved from California to another  
18 state for a period of not more than 14 days, are exempt from this  
19 section upon returning to California, provided, that the exemption  
20 does not apply to any horse or other Equidae that leaves the  
21 continental United States.