

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the equine laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Brewer

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00472 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT AMENDING THE EQUINE LAWS.

*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. The definition of “Equine activity” of section 2D of chapter 128, as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (6) and (7) and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following 3 clauses:- (6) placing or replacing horseshoes or hoof trimming on  
4 an equine; (7) providing or assisting in veterinary treatment; and (8) purchasing or selling an  
5 equine.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 2D of said chapter 128, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
7 the following 2 subsections:-

8 (e) A person who administers drugs or medications to an equine for the purpose of deceiving a  
9 purchaser of the equine with respect to the soundness and good health of the animal shall be  
10 subject to a penalty of 6 months in a house of correction or a fine of \$5,000 or both.

11 (f) The owner of an equine who contracts with a person or entity to board the equine shall pay  
12 for the boarding within 45 days of receipt of the boarding bill or forfeit ownership of the equine  
13 to the person or entity boarding the equine.