

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, most stallions standing in Texas do not have the breeding credentials of leading stallions in other states. Furthermore, a Texas mare who goes out-of-state to conceive a foal is required to birth the foal in Texas, and be subsequently bred in Texas to an accredited Texas-bred stallion to retain her Texas-bred accreditation. The Texas Thoroughbred foal crop has declined by over 25 percent in the last four years for reasons such as mare exodus and concern about “breeding down” with Texas stallions and losing value. S.B. 1842 redefines certain terms to allow a Thoroughbred Texas mare to conceive out-of-state, so long as the foal is born in Texas, and eliminate the “breed-back” requirement.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1842 redefines terms relating to breeding mares.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1.03(21), Article 179e, V.T.C.S. (Texas Racing Act), to redefine “Texas-bred horse” to mean a horse that is foaled by a mare in Texas. Deletes existing definition of “Texas-bred horse.”

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1.03(22), Article 179e, V.T.C.S. (Texas Racing Act), to redefine “accredited Texas-bred horse” to mean a horse registered with the Jockey Club, foaled in Texas, and which fulfills certain accreditations.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.