

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1842
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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. C.S.S.B. 1842 creates certain terms relating to breeding mares and foaling horses.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1842 creates certain terms relating to breeding mares and foaling horses.

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 delete the term "Texas-bred horse" and replace it with "Texas-bred Quarter Horse," and provide that the existing definition for "Texas-bred horse" applies to a "Texas-bred Quarter Horse" and all breeds other than Thoroughbreds. Defines "Texas-bred Thoroughbred," as a horse that is foaled by a mare in Texas. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 1.03(21), Article 179e, V.T.C.S. (Texas Racing Act), to replace the term "Texas-bred horse" with "Texas-bred Quarter Horse," to restore the existing definition and provide that it also applies to all breeds other than Thoroughbreds, and defines "Texas-bred Thoroughbred." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2.

Redesignated from SECTION 3. Deletes existing SECTION 2.