

CHAPTER 410

(Senate Bill 533)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 128 [and] 129 and 130A, of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Horse Riding and Rental Stables," to provide for the licensing of boarding stables, to define boarding stables, [except] to exempt certain stables and farms from the provisions of the laws relating to horse riding and rental stables, to provide for the appointment of an inspector and correct certain language therein.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 128 [and] 129 and 130A, of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Horse Riding and Rental Stables," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

128.

The following words and phrases when used in this subtitle shall be construed as follows:

(1) "Person" shall include any individual, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

(2) "Horse riding and rental stables" shall mean any establishment in connection with which one or more horses [or ponies] are let for hire to be ridden or driven, either with or without the furnishing of riding or driving instruction.

(3) "BOARDING STABLE" MEANS ANY ESTABLISHMENT WHICH STABLES AND FEEDS MORE THAN THREE HORSES AND RECEIVES COMPENSATION FOR THESE SERVICES. ALL REFERENCES TO HORSE RIDING STABLES ALSO [APPLIES] APPLY TO BOARDING STABLES.

[(3)] (4) "Horse" shall include both horses and ponies.

[(4)] (5) "Sales barns" shall include all establishments where horses are sold. All references to horse riding and boarding stables shall also apply to sales barns.

129.

(A) No person shall engage in the business of operating or maintaining any horse riding stable unless such person shall have received a license and a certificate therefor issued by the State Board of Inspection of Horse Riding Stables.

(B) HORSE RACING STABLES AND FARMS USING HORSES FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

130A.

The Board shall make all necessary rules and regulations for the proper performance of their duties and rules and regulations for the filing of applications for licenses and the qualifications of applicants. THE BOARD, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF LICENSING AND REGULATIONS, MAY APPOINT A QUALIFIED INSPECTOR TO ACT AS ITS AGENT AND MAKE INSPECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. HE SHALL BE PAID SUCH SALARY AS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. The