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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

March 5, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; clarifying that horses and other equines are livestock
1.3 and raising them is an agricultural pursuit; proposing coding for new law in
1.4 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[17.459] HORSES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Classification as livestock.** Horses and other equines raised for the
1.8 purposes of riding, driving, competition, racing, recreation, sale, or as breeding stock are
1.9 livestock. Horses and their products are livestock and farm products for purposes of
1.10 financial transactions and collateral.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Agricultural pursuit.** Raising horses and other equines is agricultural
1.12 production and an agricultural pursuit. Horse breeding farms, horse training farms, horse
1.13 boarding farms, or farms combining those purposes, are an intensive agricultural use that
1.14 may be accomplished on limited acreage. These intensive agricultural uses are necessary
1.15 for horses in order to control the feeding, safety, and overall condition of the animals.