

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: S2/6/01  
**A Bill**

**Act 540 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 361

5 By: Senator Wooldridge  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 2-40-821 TO IMPROVE  
10 PROTECTION AGAINST EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA; TO DEFINE  
11 AND STANDARDS FOR EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA RESEARCH  
12 FACILITIES, TO REQUIRE THAT A CERTIFIED EIA VERIFIER BE  
13 PRESENT AT ALL PUBLIC EVENTS INVOLVING HORSES, MULES  
14 OR OTHER EQUIDAE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

16 AN ACT TO IMPROVE PROTECTION AGAINST  
17 EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 2-40-801, defining terms regarding equine  
24 infectious anemia, is amended by adding the following additional subdivision:  
25 (28) "Research facility" means any facility that meets or exceeds  
26 the standards and requirements set forth by the United States Department of  
27 Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services  
28 and the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission for equine infectious anemia  
29 research.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 2-40-802 is amended to read as follows:  
32 2-40-802. Penalties and fines.

33 Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of  
34 this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor,  
35 and shall be ordered by the court to comply within seven (7) calendar days  
36 with all provisions of this subchapter and all regulations promulgated under

1 this subchapter, or be guilty of contempt of court.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 2-40-821(c) and (d), regarding equidae  
4 participating in equine activities, are amended by adding the following  
5 additional section:

6 (c) Any individual, club, organization or association conducting an  
7 equine activity shall arrange for a certified EIA verifier to be present at  
8 the event to verify that each of the equidae is accompanied by a record of a  
9 negative current official equine infectious anemia test if:

10 (1) The event charges a fee of any kind, including an entry fee,  
11 a gate fee, a membership fee, a registration fee, a user fee, a camping fee,  
12 or a grounds fee;

13 (2) The event provides prize money, trophies, plaques, ribbons,  
14 points, or awards of any kind including jackpot and benefits; or

15 (3) The event causes a concentration of more than fifty (50)  
16 equidae.

17 ~~(c)~~(d) Any show or event within the state may require any additional  
18 tests or additional requirements deemed necessary.

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20 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 10, Subchapter 8, regarding  
21 equine infectious anemia, is amended by adding the following additional  
22 section:

23 2-40-829. Any research facility in this state which contains equidae  
24 infected with equine infectious anemia or any reactor equidae shall be  
25 certified by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and shall be so  
26 maintained as to prevent the infection of any other equidae, whether at or  
27 outside the research facility.

28 */s/ Woolridge*

31 APPROVED: 3/2/2001