

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Texas Animal Health Commission requires all horses changing ownership in Texas to test negative for equine infectious anemia within the previous twelve months, except for horses sold at auction. H.B. 1732 would establish conditions regarding the testing of certain equine animals for equine infectious anemia; providing a criminal penalty.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1732 establishes conditions regarding the testing of certain equine animals for equine infectious anemia; providing a criminal penalty.

### **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 Chapter 161H, Agriculture Code, by adding Section 161.149, as follows:

Sec. 161.149. TEST FOR EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. Defines "equine animal." Provides that a person commits an offense if the person transfers ownership of an equine animal eight months of age or older that has not tested negative for equine infectious anemia during the 12 months preceding the date of the transfer, unless certain conditions exist regarding the equine animal. Establishes that an offense under Subsection (b) is a Class C misdemeanor unless it is shown that the defendant has been convicted for the same offense before, then the offense is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.