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SENATE BILL 901
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Short Title: Equine Industry Study Commission. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Weinstein; Albertson, Apodaca, Berger of Rockingham, Blake, Brown, Horton, Soles, and Stevens.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 23, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT CREATING THE EQUINE INDUSTRY STUDY COMMISSION.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is created the Equine Industry Study Commission
5 ("Commission"). The Commission shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- 6 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.
- 7 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House.
- 9 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
10 the Senate.
- 11 (4) The Commissioner of Agriculture.
- 12 (5) A representative of the Carolina Horse Park.
- 13 (6) A representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.
- 14 (7) A representative of the North Carolina Horse Council.
- 15 (8) A representative of Tanglewood Park.
- 16 (9) A representative of the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association.
- 17 (10) A representative of the North Carolina Quarter Horse Association.
- 18 (11) A representative of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and
19 Industry.
- 20 (12) A representative of the North Carolina Steeplechase Association.

21 **SECTION 1.(b)** The Commission shall study issues relating to the economic
22 impact of the equine industry in North Carolina.

23 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission.
25 The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

26 Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative
27 Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the
28 Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of

1 the House of Representatives and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The Commission may
2 meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of
3 the Legislative Services Commission. The Commission, while in discharge of official
4 duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19
5 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and
6 departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their
7 possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them, and the
8 power to subpoena witnesses. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem,
9 subsistence, and travel allowances at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1. The
10 appointing authority shall fill vacancies.

11 **SECTION 2.(b)** The Commission shall submit a final report to the 2006
12 Regular Session of the 2005 General Assembly and shall terminate upon filing its final
13 report.

14 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
15 Assembly the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal
16 year for the costs of the work of the Study Commission created in Section 1 of this act.

17 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.