



VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL

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The Virginia Horse Council (VHC) abhors any mistreatment of a horse and in principle, supports the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act. Additionally, the VHC supports strengthening the penalties for violations of the Act and improving Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act. However, the VHC has significant concerns and does not support the legislation as it is currently written. Proper identification of a horse breed or partial breed is inadequate to protect the other horse breeds who do not implement this inhumane practice. We support further investigation of the unintended consequences of this or similar legislation.

The Virginia Horse Council is a non-profit membership organization whose mission is to “Represent Virginia’s Diversified Equine Industry with a Unified Voice.” Our membership includes owners of equine breeding operations, event and competition riders and owners, trail and pleasure riders, horse show competitors, therapeutic riding programs as well as numerous individual equine organizations across the state. Positions on state issues are reached after thorough study in consultation with VHC members during the State Policy Development Process. This position was approved by the Board of Directors on November 1, 2013.

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