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**Part 5
Horse Tripping Awareness**

4-2-501 Title.

This part is known as "Horse Tripping Awareness."

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4-2-502 Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (1) "Board" means the Agricultural Advisory Board created in Section 4-2-7.
- (2) "Horse event" means an event in which horses are roped or tripped for the purpose of a specific event or contest.
- (3)
 - (a) "Horse tripping" means the lassoing or roping of the legs of an equine, or otherwise tripping or causing an equine to fall by any means, for the purpose of entertainment, sport, or contest, or practice for entertainment, sport, or contest.
 - (b) "Horse tripping" does not include accepted animal husbandry practices, customary farming practices, or commonly accepted practices occurring in conjunction with a sanctioned rodeo, animal race, or pulling contest.

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4-2-503 Event reporting requirements.

- (1) The owner of a venue holding a horse event shall:
 - (a) at least 30 days before the day on which the horse event is to be held, notify the board of the date, time, and name of the horse event; and
 - (b) no later than 30 days after the day on which the horse event is held, notify the board of:
 - (i) the number and type of competitions held at the horse event;
 - (ii) the number of horses used;
 - (iii) whether horse tripping occurred, and if so how many horses were used in horse tripping and how many times each horse was tripped; and
 - (iv) whether a veterinarian was called during the horse event, and if so:
 - (A) the name and contact information of the veterinarian;
 - (B) the outcome of the veterinarian's examination of a horse; and
 - (C) all veterinarian charges incurred.
- (2)
 - (a) The department shall compile all reports received pursuant to Subsection (1) and provide the information to the board.
 - (b) The board shall, at a meeting described in Subsection 4-2-7(5)(a):
 - (i) review the information described in Subsection (2)(a); and
 - (ii) if necessary, make recommendations for rules or legislation designed to prohibit horse tripping.
- (3) The department shall fine the owner of a venue that fails to fulfill the duties described in Subsection (1) \$500 per violation.

- (4) The department, in consultation with the board, shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, as necessary to enforce this part.

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4-2-504 Horse tripping education -- Reporting requirements.

- (1) The department, in conjunction with the board, shall:
- (a) send a letter, annually, to venues that host horse events:
 - (i) outlining the reporting requirements of Section 4-2-503; and
 - (ii) providing educational information on the negative effects of horse tripping; and
 - (b) promote, as funding allows, policies regarding the safety and welfare of horses involved in horse events, such as horse roping and horse tripping.
- (2) The department and the board shall, by November 30, 2015, report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee about:
- (a) reported incidents of horse tripping;
 - (b) any recommendations made by the board pursuant to Subsection 4-2-503(2)(b); and
 - (c) the progress made in educating the public under Subsection (1).

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