

HOUSE BILL No. 2836

By Representative Merrick

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9 AN ACT concerning horse pulling; providing for adoption and enforce-
10 ment of certain standards.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) The livestock commissioner appointed by the Kansas
14 animal health board shall adopt rules and regulations providing standards
15 for the conduct of horse pulls which will protect the health of the horses
16 and drivers and the integrity of the sport. Such standards may include,
17 without limitation, rules for conducting horse pulls, the manner of weigh-
18 ing horses or teams, the type of equipment to be used and prohibition of
19 the use of certain stimulants and drugs and requirements for veterinarian
20 examination of horses for use of such stimulants and drugs.

21 (b) The rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section may
22 include a schedule of administrative fines in amounts not exceeding \$500
23 for violation of standards adopted pursuant to this section. In addition,
24 such rules and regulations may provide disqualification of a teamster's
25 horses from participating in any horse pull in the state for a period not
26 to exceed one year for violations relating to the use of stimulants or other
27 prohibited drugs.

28 (c) Any duly authorized agent of the livestock commissioner, upon a
29 finding that any person has violated a provision of rules and regulations
30 adopted pursuant to this section may impose a civil penalty upon the
31 violator in accordance with the schedule of fines provided by such rules
32 and regulations.

33 (d) No civil penalty shall be imposed pursuant to this section except
34 upon the written order of the duly authorized agent of the livestock com-
35 missioner to the person who committed the violation. Such order shall
36 state the violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of the person
37 to appeal to the commissioner. Any such person, within 20 days after
38 notification, may make written request to the commissioner for a hearing
39 in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure
40 act. The commissioner shall affirm, reverse or modify the order and shall
41 specify the reasons therefor.

42 (e) Any person aggrieved by an order of the commissioner pursuant
43 to this section may appeal such order to the district court in the manner

1 provided by the act for judicial review and civil enforcement of agency
2 actions.
3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
4 publication in the statute book.