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Governor's Bill No. 5044

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

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AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTICATED HORSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) In any civil action
2 brought against the owner of any horse, pony, donkey or mule to
3 recover damages for any personal injury allegedly caused by such
4 horse, pony, donkey or mule there shall be a presumption that such
5 horse, pony, donkey or mule is domesticated, is not inherently
6 dangerous and does not possess a vicious propensity. Such
7 presumption may be rebutted by evidence that such horse, pony,
8 donkey or mule was not raised or kept by a person.

9 (b) In any civil action brought against the owner of any horse, pony,
10 donkey or mule to recover damages for any personal injury allegedly
11 caused by such horse, pony, donkey or mule, evidence that such horse,
12 pony, donkey or mule previously caused an injury to a person shall

13 not be sufficient to establish a duty for such owner to restrain such
14 horse, pony, donkey or mule as to prevent such horse, pony, donkey or
15 mule from causing injury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]