

## CHAPTER 97

AN ACT concerning the sale of horses at auction, and supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.4:11-14.1 Disclosure of identifying information prior to sale of horse at auction; violations, penalties.

1. a. Before any horse may be sold at an auction, the auction organizer shall determine whether the horse has an implanted microchip or has been tattooed or branded with any identifying mark. If the horse has an implanted microchip, tattoo, or brand, the auction organizer shall post, on its Internet website, all identifying information, including any identification number contained in the microchip and a detailed description or picture of any tattoo or brand found on the horse.

b. No horse shall be offered for sale at an auction before 72 hours have elapsed following posting of the horse's identifying information on the auction organizer's Internet website.

c. For a minimum of one year following the date of sale, for each horse sold at auction, an auction organizer shall maintain appropriate records which accurately document compliance with this section, including:

- (1) the presence or absence of a microchip, tattoo, or brand;
- (2) the date and time of the posting of the information required by this section; and
- (3) the date and time each horse was sold at auction.

d. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a civil penalty up to \$200 for the first offense and up to \$500 for the second and each subsequent offense, to be collected in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 10, 2019.