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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 52:9A-4 (State Animal--The Horse)

Laws of 1977 Chapter 173

Bill No. S1784 (Substituted for A1482 which was identical, including the statement).

Sponsor(s) Garramone and others

Date Introduced December 13, 1976

Committee: Assembly State Gov't, Federal & Interstate Relations  
Senate State Gov't, Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Amended during passage  Yes  No

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement  Yes  No

Committee Statement: Assembly  Yes  No

Senate  Yes  No

Fiscal Note  Yes  No

Veto message  Yes  No

Message on signing  Yes  No

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED DECEMBER 13, 1976

By Senators GARRAMONE, FELDMAN, DODD, DUMONT, GREENBERG, RUSSO, SKEVIN, SCARDINO, MERLINO, HAGEDORN, WALLWORK, BUEHLER, IMPERIALE, AMMOND, ORECHIO, LIPMAN, MARTINDELL, ERRICHETTI, DUNN, ZANE, DAVENPORT, VREELAND, DWYER and HIRKALA

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and  
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT designating the horse as the New Jersey State Animal.

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

1 1. The horse (*Equus Caballus*) is designated as the New Jersey  
2 State Animal.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

The horse is a large stately herbivorous animal. Horses have been useful to man since prehistoric times. The founding fathers of this State thought so highly of the horse that they included it in the State seal.

The horse industry makes a contribution to the preservation of green acres at a time when great demands are being made for the use of our land. There are 4,654 horse farms in New Jersey, of which 888 raise racing horses. There are now more than 38,000 horses in the State, compared to 18,000 in 1961.

The horse is truly deserving of the title—New Jersey State Animal.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AUGUST 15, 1977

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne signed S-1784, sponsored by Senator Raymond Garramone, D-Bergen, which designates the horse as the New Jersey State Animal on Sunday, August 14, at the Sussex County Fair.

The Governor praised Senator Garramone and Assemblyman Walter Kozloski, D-Monmouth, who sponsored a similar bill in the Assembly, for their efforts.

"I believe the horse is truly deserving of this title," Governor Byrne said.

"The Founding Fathers of our state thought so highly of the horse that they included in in our State seal. Today there are 4,654 horse farms in New Jersey, of which 888 raise racing horses. The horse industry makes a contribution to the preservation of Green Acres at a time when great demands are being made for the preservation of our land," Byrne said.

"I want to extend special thanks today to Michael McCarthy and his classmates at Our Lady of Victories School in Harrington Park and to James Sweetman of Freehold. It is because of their efforts that the horse is now the State Animal of New Jersey," Byrne said.

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