

# Senate Bill 422

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(Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates crime of equine soring. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Prohibits possession of equine after conviction for equine soring for period of five years. Provides that possession of equine in violation of prohibition is punishable by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both, and court is required to order surrender of equine. Authorizes county or animal care agency to petition court for order forfeiting surrendered equine.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to equine welfare; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.332.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 167.315 to**  
5 **167.333.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the crime of equine soring if the person intentionally,**  
7 **knowingly or recklessly:**

8 (a) Causes soring to an equine; or

9 (b) As the owner of an equine, permits another person to cause soring to the equine.

10 (2) Equine soring is a Class A misdemeanor.

11 (3)(a) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a person convicted under this  
12 section may not possess an equine for a period of five years following entry of the conviction.

13 (b) A person who possesses an animal in violation of this subsection commits a Class C  
14 misdemeanor. When a person is convicted of possessing an animal in violation of this sub-  
15 section, as part of the sentence the court shall prohibit the person from possessing equines  
16 for an additional five years and shall order that the person surrender any equines in the  
17 person's possession to the county or an animal care agency. The county or an animal care  
18 agency may petition the court for an order forfeiting a surrendered equine to the county or  
19 agency in accordance with ORS 167.347.

20 (4) As used in this section:

21 (a) "Soring" means:

22 (A) The infliction, by any method, of burns, cuts, lacerations or other injuries reasonably  
23 expected to cause pain, including but not limited to the external or internal application of  
24 irritating or blistering compounds to the limb of an equine;

25 (B) The use of any tack, nail or screw, or the use of pressure shoeing, on any limb of an  
26 equine; or

27 (C) The use of any device or practice that causes an equine to suffer or that can rea-  
28 sonable be expected to cause suffering, physical pain or distress, inflammation, lameness or  
29 physical injury.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(b) “Soring” does not include the administration of drugs or medication solely for**  
2 **therapeutic purposes by or under the supervision of a person licensed to practice veterinary**  
3 **medicine.**

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