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October 9, 2009

Dear Standardbred Resident Broodmare Owner,

Please be advised that there is an upcoming change in the law that affects your industry. The "Massachusetts bred" law that allows mares to be bred outside of the Commonwealth and return to foal EXPIRES on December 31, 2009.

The law that GOES INTO EFFECT as of January 1, 2010 requires that mares be bred ONLY to Massachusetts resident stallions for the foal to be eligible to race in Massachusetts. As many of you know, this law is set to revert back to the law that was in place BEFORE the current law took effect.

Be advised, this also affects horses that were previously eligible under current law (which expires on December 31, 2009). So if you have a 2 year old that was eligible to race in 2009 that was sired by a non-Massachusetts stallion – that horse will NOT be eligible to race as a 3 year old in Massachusetts, due to the change that is scheduled to take place on January 1, 2010. There is no "grandfather" clause to protect previously eligible horses.

The new eligibility requirement does not take effect until January 1, 2010, so any legislation passed prior to that date to modify the scheduled eligibility change will override the scheduled change.

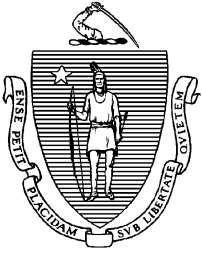
A similar situation occurred in 2005 and the expiration date was extended to 2009.

Please fill out the form enclosed and return it to us by December 1, 2009, so that we can do the necessary inspections and have a list of eligible foals under either circumstance. If the law changes, as is currently scheduled, the information contained on this form concerning the location of the stallion will be used to determine eligibility. If some modification of the scheduled change takes place before January 1, 2010, then the information on this form will be required to determine eligibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Cahill".

Michael Cahill, Director
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MASSACHUSETTS STANDARDBRED BROODMARE RESIDENT REGISTRATION

For foals bred in 2009 and foaled in 2010, Standardbred horses are eligible if they are the foal of a Standardbred mare that resides in the Commonwealth from December 1 of the year prior to foaling and continues such residence until foaling and foals in the Commonwealth. If the mare listed on this form moves prior to foaling, this Department must be notified in writing. This form must be completed and returned to this office along with a copy of the mare's registration papers no later than December 1.

Name of Mare _____ Age _____ Color _____ Tatoo# _____
 Mare's Present Owner, Lessee or Agent _____

Address: _____ Telephone _____

MARE'S LOCATION ON DECEMBER 1st THIS YEAR

Name of Farm _____ Farm Owner _____

Farm Address _____ MA, _____ Telephone _____
 Street City or Town Zip

2009 BREEDING INFORMATION

Mare in Foal To _____ State where stallion stands _____

Location of Stallion _____

Name of Farm Address City, State Last Date Bred

X _____ Date _____

Signature of Breeder (Owner, Lessee, Agent)

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 62C, section-49A, I certify under penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have filed all State tax returns and paid all State taxes required under law.

X _____

Signature

DATE: _____

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By _____

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