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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to cruelty to animals; amending  
s. 828.12, F.S.; making certain types of animal  
exhibitions a crime; providing an effective  
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2) and (3) of section  
828.12, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3)  
and (4), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to  
that section to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.--

(2) A person who unnecessarily conducts, finances,  
manages, or participates in a commercial animal exhibition in  
which horses, mules, or donkeys are encouraged or required to  
fall or jump a distance of 5 feet at a time downward, is  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as  
provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000,  
or both.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Makes it a crime for commercial animal exhibitors to have  
certain types of equine animals jump downward 5 feet or  
more.