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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES AFFECTING EQUESTRIANS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill defines an equestrian zone as an area that a municipality or county determines is suburban or urban and contains:

- Public equestrian venues;
- Residential neighborhoods where significant numbers of equestrians live and engage in equestrian activities;
- Keystone properties that have equestrian facilities that stable horses, serve the community, or provide equestrian services; or

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- Roads or trails that equestrians regularly use and that are related to the areas described in the last 3 bullet points.

The bill requires municipalities and counties to:

- Construct and maintain infrastructure necessary to access horse trails and install signs that notify the public of the infrastructure;
- Identify locations where equestrian road crossings are needed to safely use horse trails, construct and maintain the equestrian road crossings in those places, and install signs notifying the public of the crossings;
- Publish a map showing the location and character of existing or proposed equestrian infrastructure;
- Erect road signs bearing the universal equestrian sign symbol and the words "wide and slow" in equestrian zones; and
- Identify and show the location and character of existing or proposed equestrian infrastructure, venues, and riding zones on master plans.

A municipality or county may organize public events to educate the public about equestrian use of recreational trails and roads and the duties of users of trails and roads with regard to equestrian users.

In an equestrian zone on a road, the driver of a motor vehicle must, when passing an equestrian:

- Proceed with due care and caution, passing wide and slow;
- Refrain from using the vehicle's horn, unless necessary to avoid an unsafe condition or harming the equestrian;
- Obey a signal from the equestrian to stop or slow the motor vehicle;
- Keep the motor vehicle from exceeding 10 miles per hour; and
- Maintain 6 feet of distance from the equestrian.

When using a road, equestrian riders may proceed 2 abreast if one of the riders is under 18 years of age or if one of the equestrians is inexperienced and the young or inexperienced equestrian is closest to the edge of the road. Equestrians have the right-of-way at a designated equestrian road crossing. The local authority must post a permanent sign at an equestrian road crossing.

The division of local government in the department of local affairs is given the duty of educating sheriffs and local law enforcement of these trail and road provisions. The department of revenue is given the duty of adopting rules to add the road provisions to driver's education curricula.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

1           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
2 finds and declares that:

3           (a) The equestrian community in Colorado is a vibrant and valued  
4 segment of the state's cultural heritage and recreational activities, utilizing  
5 the state's roads, trails, and public lands;

6           (b) Equestrians play a critical role in Colorado's tourism, rural and  
7 suburban economies, and broader agricultural and recreational industries,  
8 driving economic growth and supporting job creation across the state;

9           (c) The 2023 American Horse Council impact study estimates  
10 over 180,000 horses are housed on 430,700 acres in the state;

11           (d) The economic effects of the equestrian recreational sector  
12 include direct employment in 277,716 jobs, total employment in 466,969  
13 jobs, and a direct contribution to the economy of \$14.548 billion;

14           (e) The economic effects of the equestrian competition sector  
15 include direct employment in 301,527 jobs, total employment in 486,820  
16 jobs, and direct contribution to the economy of \$15.628 billion;

17           (f) The economic effects of the equestrian racing sector include  
18 direct employment in 312,484 jobs, total employment in 491,232 jobs,  
19 and a direct contribution to the economy of \$16.049 billion;

20           (g) Equestrian activities are vital to Colorado's communities,  
21 providing opportunities for outdoor recreation that promote physical  
22 health, mental well-being, and the preservation of open spaces;

23           (h) Colorado's growing population has increased the presence of  
24 equestrians on roadways and trails, yet riders face significant safety risks  
25 due to inadequate infrastructure, lack of designated roadways, and unclear  
26 or conflicting regulations;

27           (i) The absence of specific legislative protections and

1 infrastructure for equestrians has led to conflicts with motorized traffic,  
2 resulting in accidents, injuries, and fatalities for both riders and drivers;

3 (j) Existing traffic laws and systems fail to address the unique  
4 needs of equestrians, including wide-passing zones, safe crossings,  
5 properly designated parking, and staging areas for equestrian activities;

6 (k) Public safety and equitable access to recreation are essential  
7 to Colorado's commitment to fostering a harmonious environment for all  
8 road users, including motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians,  
9 while protecting diverse outdoor activities; and

10 (l) Enhancing the safety, access, and recognition of the equestrian  
11 community supports Colorado's commitment to protecting diverse  
12 outdoor activities, responsibly using public lands, and fostering mutual  
13 respect among all users.

14 (2) Now, therefore, the general assembly of the state of Colorado  
15 declares that it is necessary and in the public interest to enact legislation  
16 to:

17 (a) Ensure representation of the equestrian community in  
18 transportation, recreational, and land-use planning by establishing  
19 equestrian zones;

20 (b) Implement a "pass wide and slow" policy for vehicles  
21 approaching or passing equestrians on roadways to enhance safety for  
22 riders, drivers, and cyclists;

23 (c) Establish clear standards for equestrian road crossings to  
24 provide safe and designated transitions between trails, parks, and public  
25 roads;

26 (d) Develop designated equestrian parking zones and trail heads  
27 with facilities for horse trailers and safe staging areas; and

1 (e) Promote public awareness to educate drivers, cyclists, and  
2 other road users about the safety needs and rights of equestrians.

3 (3) The general assembly further declares that, by enacting this  
4 legislation, the state of Colorado will take meaningful steps toward  
5 fostering a safer, more inclusive, and sustainable transportation and  
6 recreational environment for the equestrian community, while  
7 contributing to the preservation and enjoyment of the state's outdoor  
8 traditions.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-104, **add** (9)  
10 as follows:

11 **24-32-104. Functions of the division - interconnectivity grant**  
12 **program - interconnectivity grant program fund - reporting -**  
13 **definition.** (9) THE DIVISION SHALL EDUCATE COUNTY SHERIFFS AND  
14 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ABOUT EQUESTRIAN ZONES AND THE  
15 DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-4-1417.

16 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-11-133 as  
17 follows:

18 **30-11-133. Construction and maintenance of equestrian**  
19 **infrastructure.** (1) A COUNTY SHALL CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN  
20 INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS ROAD CROSSINGS, ROAD ACCESS FACILITIES,  
21 OR HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, NECESSARY TO ACCESS EQUESTRIAN TRAILS.  
22 THE COUNTY SHALL INSTALL SIGNS THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE  
23 INFRASTRUCTURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30-28-141.

24 (2) A COUNTY SHALL IDENTIFY LOCATIONS WHERE EQUESTRIAN  
25 ROAD CROSSINGS ARE NEEDED TO SAFELY USE HORSE TRAILS. WHEN A  
26 LOCATION IS IDENTIFIED, THE COUNTY SHALL CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN  
27 THE EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSING. THE CROSSING MUST:

1 (a) HAVE APPROPRIATE SIGNS NOTIFYING ROAD USERS OF THE  
2 EQUESTRIAN CROSSING; AND

3 (b) BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE ROAD.

4 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-28-106, **add** (9)  
5 as follows:

6 **30-28-106. Master plan - definitions - repeal.** (9) (a) AS USED  
7 IN THIS SUBSECTION (9):

8 (I) "EQUESTRIAN" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
9 31-23-206 (9)(b)(I).

10 (II) "EQUESTRIAN ZONE" MEANS AN AREA THAT A COUNTY  
11 DETERMINES IS SUBURBAN OR URBAN AND CONTAINS:

12 (A) PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN VENUES;

13 (B) RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS  
14 OF EQUESTRIANS LIVE AND ENGAGE IN EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES;

15 (C) KEYSTONE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES  
16 THAT STABLE HORSES, SERVE THE COMMUNITY, OR PROVIDE EQUESTRIAN  
17 SERVICES; OR

18 (D) ROADS OR TRAILS THAT EQUESTRIANS REGULARLY USE AND  
19 THAT ARE RELATED TO AN AREA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (9)(a)(II)(A)  
20 TO (9)(a)(II)(C) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (III) "SUBURBAN OR URBAN" MEANS THE POPULATION AND  
22 TRAFFIC DENSITY ARE SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT AND REGULAR  
23 INTERACTIONS BETWEEN EQUESTRIANS AND MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER  
24 RESIDENTS.

25 (b) A COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL IDENTIFY AND SHOW  
26 ON THE MASTER PLAN THE LOCATION OF AND CHARACTER OF EXISTING OR  
27 PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE, VENUES, AND EQUESTRIAN

1 ZONES.

2 (c) (I) THIS SUBSECTION (9) APPLIES TO MASTER PLANS ADOPTED  
3 OR AMENDED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, AND TO ALL MASTER PLANS AFTER  
4 JANUARY 1, 2032.

5 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (9)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2034.

6 (d) A COUNTY MAY ORGANIZE PUBLIC EVENTS TO EDUCATE THE  
7 PUBLIC ABOUT EQUESTRIAN USE OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND ROADS  
8 AND THE DUTIES OF USERS OF TRAILS AND ROADS WITH REGARD TO  
9 EQUESTRIAN USERS. A COUNTY MAY PARTNER WITH LOCAL HORSE  
10 ADVOCACY GROUPS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THESE MATTERS OR  
11 TO HOLD THE PUBLIC EVENTS.

12 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 30-28-141 as  
13 follows:

14 **30-28-141. Equestrian map and sign requirements.** (1) A  
15 COUNTY SHALL PUBLISH A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF AND  
16 CHARACTER OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.  
17 THE MAP MAY BE PUBLISHED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE. THE MAP MUST  
18 INCLUDE:

19 (a) EQUESTRIAN VENUES, INCLUDING FAIRGROUNDS, EQUESTRIAN  
20 PARKS, PUBLIC ARENAS, AND RIDING SCHOOLS;

21 (b) EQUESTRIAN TRAIL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRAILS,  
22 DESIGNATED TRAILER PARKING, AND ACCESS POINTS TO TRAILS;

23 (c) EQUESTRIAN-DESIGNATED ROAD CROSSINGS; AND

24 (d) EQUESTRIAN ZONES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 30-28-106  
25 (9)(a)(II).

26 (2) A COUNTY SHALL POST ROAD SIGNS BEARING THE UNIVERSAL  
27 EQUESTRIAN SIGN SYMBOL AND THE WORDS "WIDE AND SLOW" ON ROADS

1 DETERMINED TO BE EQUESTRIAN ZONES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
2 30-28-106 (9)(a)(II).

3 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 31-15-717 as  
4 follows:

5 **31-15-717. Construction and maintenance of equestrian**  
6 **infrastructure - legislative declaration - exception.** (1) THE GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT EQUESTRIANS DO NOT STAY WITHIN ONE  
8 JURISDICTION, MANY EQUESTRIAN TRAILS ARE NOT CONTAINED WITHIN A  
9 SINGLE MUNICIPALITY, AND EQUESTRIANS NEED THE PROTECTIONS  
10 AFFORDED BY APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE ENTIRE STATE.  
11 THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THIS SECTION TO BE A  
12 MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN.

13 (2) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN  
14 INFRASTRUCTURE, SUCH AS ROAD CROSSINGS, ROAD ACCESS FACILITIES,  
15 OR HORSE-TRAILER PARKING, NECESSARY TO ALLOW EQUESTRIANS TO  
16 ACCESS EQUESTRIAN TRAILS. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL INSTALL SIGNS  
17 THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
18 SECTION 31-23-228.

19 (3) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL IDENTIFY LOCATIONS WHERE  
20 EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSINGS ARE NEEDED TO SAFELY USE HORSE TRAILS.  
21 WHEN A LOCATION IS IDENTIFIED, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL CONSTRUCT  
22 AND MAINTAIN THE EQUESTRIAN ROAD CROSSING. THE CROSSING MUST:

23 (a) HAVE APPROPRIATE SIGNS NOTIFYING ROAD USERS OF THE  
24 EQUESTRIAN CROSSING; AND

25 (b) BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE ROAD.

26 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MUNICIPALITY WITH A  
27 POPULATION OF TWO THOUSAND OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS.



1           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 31-23-228 as  
2 follows:

3           **31-23-228. Equestrian map and sign requirements - legislative**  
4 **declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT EQUESTRIANS DO  
5 NOT STAY WITHIN ONE JURISDICTION, MANY EQUESTRIAN TRAILS ARE NOT  
6 CONTAINED WITHIN A SINGLE MUNICIPALITY, ANDEQUESTRIANS NEED THE  
7 PROTECTIONS AFFORDED BY KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTING  
8 INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE ENTIRE STATE. THEREFORE, THE GENERAL  
9 ASSEMBLY DECLARES THIS SECTION TO BE A MATTER OF STATEWIDE  
10 CONCERN.

11           (2) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL PUBLISH A MAP SHOWING THE  
12 LOCATION OF AND CHARACTER OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN  
13 INFRASTRUCTURE. THE MAP MAY BE PUBLISHED ON THE MUNICIPALITY'S  
14 WEBSITE. THE MAP MUST INCLUDE:

15           (a) EQUESTRIAN VENUES, INCLUDING FAIRGROUNDS, EQUESTRIAN  
16 PARKS, PUBLIC ARENAS, AND RIDING SCHOOLS;

17           (b) EQUESTRIAN TRAIL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRAILS,  
18 DESIGNATED TRAILER PARKING, AND ACCESS POINTS TO TRAILS;

19           (c) EQUESTRIAN-DESIGNATED ROAD CROSSINGS; AND

20           (d) EQUESTRIAN ZONES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-23-206  
21 (9)(b)(II).

22           (3) A MUNICIPALITY SHALL POST ROAD SIGNS BEARING THE  
23 UNIVERSAL EQUESTRIAN SIGN SYMBOL AND THE WORDS "WIDE AND SLOW"  
24 ON ROADS DETERMINED TO BE EQUESTRIAN ZONES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
25 SECTION 31-23-206 (9)(b)(II).

26           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-23-206, **add** (9)  
27 as follows:

1                   **31-23-206. Master plan - legislative declaration - definitions -**

2                   **repeal.** (9) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT EQUESTRIANS DO  
3 NOT STAY WITHIN ONE JURISDICTION, MANY EQUESTRIAN TRAILS ARE NOT  
4 CONTAINED WITHIN A SINGLE MUNICIPALITY, AND EQUESTRIANS NEED THE  
5 PROTECTIONS AFFORDED BY KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTING  
6 INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE ENTIRE STATE. THEREFORE, THE GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY DECLARES THIS SECTION TO BE A MATTER OF STATEWIDE  
8 CONCERN.

9                   (b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (9):

10                  (I) (A) "EQUESTRIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RIDING A  
11 HORSE, LEADING A HORSE, OR RIDING IN A VEHICLE DRAWN BY A HORSE.

12                  (B) "EQUESTRIAN" INCLUDES THE HORSE BEING RIDDEN, BEING  
13 LED, OR DRAWING A VEHICLE, AS EACH ARE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
14 (9)(b)(I)(A) OF THIS SECTION.

15                  (II) "EQUESTRIAN ZONE" MEANS AN AREA THAT A MUNICIPALITY  
16 DETERMINES IS SUBURBAN OR URBAN AND CONTAINS:

17                   (A) PUBLIC EQUESTRIAN VENUES;

18                   (B) RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS  
19 OF EQUESTRIANS LIVE AND ENGAGE IN EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES;

20                   (C) KEYSTONE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES  
21 THAT STABLE HORSES, SERVE THE COMMUNITY, OR PROVIDE EQUESTRIAN  
22 SERVICES; OR

23                   (D) ROADS OR TRAILS THAT EQUESTRIANS REGULARLY USE AND  
24 THAT ARE RELATED TO AN AREA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (9)(b)(II)(A)  
25 TO (9)(b)(II)(C) OF THIS SECTION.

26                  (III) "SUBURBAN OR URBAN" MEANS THE POPULATION AND  
27 TRAFFIC DENSITY ARE SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT AND REGULAR

1 INTERACTIONS BETWEEN EQUESTRIANS AND MOTOR VEHICLES OR OTHER  
2 RESIDENTS.

3 (c) A MUNICIPALITY WITH A MASTER PLAN SHALL IDENTIFY AND  
4 SHOW ON THE MASTER PLAN THE LOCATION OF AND CHARACTER OF  
5 EXISTING OR PROPOSED EQUESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE, VENUES, AND  
6 EQUESTRIAN ZONES.

7 (d) (I) THIS SUBSECTION (9) DOES NOT APPLY TO MUNICIPALITIES  
8 WITH A POPULATION OF TWO THOUSAND OR FEWER INDIVIDUALS.

9 (II) (A) THIS SUBSECTION (9) APPLIES TO MASTER PLANS ADOPTED  
10 OR AMENDED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2027, AND TO ALL MASTER PLANS AFTER  
11 JANUARY 1, 2032.

12 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (9)(d)(II) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
13 2034.

14 (e) A MUNICIPALITY MAY ORGANIZE PUBLIC EVENTS TO EDUCATE  
15 THE PUBLIC ABOUT EQUESTRIAN USE OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS AND ROADS  
16 AND THE DUTIES OF USERS OF TRAILS AND ROADS WITH REGARD TO  
17 EQUESTRIAN USERS. A MUNICIPALITY MAY PARTNER WITH LOCAL HORSE  
18 ADVOCACY GROUPS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THESE MATTERS OR  
19 TO HOLD THE PUBLIC EVENTS.

20 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-805, **amend** (1)  
21 as follows:

22 **42-4-805. Pedestrians walking or traveling in a wheelchair on**  
23 **highways.** (1) Pedestrians walking or traveling in a wheelchair along and  
24 upon highways where sidewalks are not provided shall walk or travel only  
25 on a road shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.  
26 Where neither a sidewalk nor road shoulder is available, any pedestrian  
27 walking or traveling in a wheelchair along and upon a highway shall walk

1 OR TRAVEL as near as practicable to an outside edge of the roadway and,  
2 in the case of a two-way roadway, shall walk or travel only on the left  
3 side of the roadway facing traffic that may approach from the opposite  
4 direction; except that:

5 (a) ~~any person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL lawfully soliciting a ride may stand  
6 on either side of ~~such~~ A two-way roadway where there is a view of traffic  
7 approaching from both directions; AND

8 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL RIDING OR LEADING A HORSE MAY TRAVEL ON  
9 THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC.

10 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-1417 as  
11 follows:

12 **42-4-1417. Equestrian use of roadways - motor vehicle driver**  
13 **duties - vehicle rider duties - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,  
14 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

15 (a) "EQUESTRIAN" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
16 31-23-206 (9)(b)(I).

17 (b) "EQUESTRIAN ZONE" MEANS AN AREA WHERE HIGHWAY USERS  
18 ARE NOTIFIED OF EQUESTRIAN HIGHWAY USE BY THE POSTING OF A SIGN  
19 CONTAINING A UNIVERSAL EQUESTRIAN SIGN SYMBOL AND THE WORDS  
20 "WIDE AND SLOW".

21 (c) "TRAFFIC CONDITIONS" MEANS CONDITIONS THAT REASONABLY  
22 AFFECT A DRIVER'S DECISION-MAKING AND INCLUDE WEATHER, OTHER  
23 DRIVERS, ROAD CONDITIONS, OR LANE SIZE.

24 (2) IN AN EQUESTRIAN ZONE, THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE  
25 SHALL, WHEN PASSING AN EQUESTRIAN WHO IS USING THE ROADWAY:

26 (a) PROCEED WITH DUE CARE AND CAUTION TO AVOID CAUSING  
27 INJURY TO THE EQUESTRIAN;

1 (b) NOT USE THE VEHICLE'S HORN, UNLESS NECESSARY TO AVOID  
2 AN UNSAFE CONDITION OR TO AVOID HARMING THE EQUESTRIAN;

3 (c) OBEY A SIGNAL FROM THE EQUESTRIAN TO STOP OR SLOW THE  
4 MOTOR VEHICLE;

5 (d) NOT EXCEED TEN MILES PER HOUR; AND

6 (e) (I) MAINTAIN AT LEAST SIX FEET OF DISTANCE FROM THE  
7 EQUESTRIAN WHEN PASSING UNLESS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MAKE IT  
8 IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN SIX FEET OF DISTANCE; OR

9 (II) MAINTAIN AS MUCH DISTANCE AS POSSIBLE FROM THE  
10 EQUESTRIAN IF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN SIX  
11 FEET OF DISTANCE.

12 (3) WHEN USING A ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN RIDERS MAY PROCEED  
13 TWO ABREAST IF:

14 (a) ONE OF THE RIDERS IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND  
15 THE YOUNGER RIDER IS CLOSEST TO THE EDGE OF THE ROAD; OR

16 (b) ONE OF THE RIDERS IS INEXPERIENCED AND THE  
17 INEXPERIENCED RIDER IS CLOSEST TO THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.

18 (4) (a) EQUESTRIANS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT A DESIGNATED  
19 EQUESTRIAN CROSSING. AT A DESIGNATED EQUESTRIAN CROSSING, THE  
20 DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR RIDER OF A VEHICLE SHALL YIELD THE  
21 RIGHT-OF-WAY TO AN EQUESTRIAN WHO IS APPROACHING THE CROSSING  
22 OR IN THE CROSSING UNTIL THE EQUESTRIAN HAS EXITED THE CROSSING.

23 (b) THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL POST A PERMANENT SIGN TO  
24 NOTIFY DRIVERS AND RIDERS OF AN EQUESTRIAN CROSSING.

25 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-603, **amend**  
26 (3) as follows:

27 **42-2-603. Rules.** (3) In adopting the rules, the department shall:

1 (a) Use the guidelines concerning commercial driving schools  
2 ~~promulgated~~ ADOPTED by the United States department of transportation;

3 AND

4 (b) INCLUDE IN THE CURRICULA THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN  
5 SECTION 42-4-1417.

6 **SECTION 12. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
7 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
8 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
9 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant  
10 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an  
11 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,  
12 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the  
13 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take  
14 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the  
15 governor.

16 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the  
17 applicable effective date of this act.