

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3355

To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save America’s For-
5 gotten Equines Act of 2021” or the “SAFE Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SHIPPING, TRANSPORTING, MOV-**
2 **ING, DELIVERING, RECEIVING, POSSESSING,**
3 **PURCHASING, SELLING, OR DONATION OF**
4 **HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES FOR SLAUGH-**
5 **TER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Horse Protection
7 Act (15 U.S.C. 1821) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (4) as
9 paragraphs (2), and (5), respectively;

10 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so re-
11 designated, the following new paragraph:

12 “(1) The term ‘human consumption’ means ingestion
13 by people as a source of food.”; and

14 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3), as so re-
15 designated, the following new paragraph:

16 “(4) The term ‘slaughter’ means the killing of one
17 or more horses or other equines with the intent to sell
18 or trade the flesh of such horses or equines for human
19 consumption.”.

20 (b) FINDINGS.—Section 3 of the Horse Protection
21 Act (15 U.S.C. 1822) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
23 (5) as paragraphs (6) through (10), respectively;

24 (2) by inserting before paragraph (6), as so re-
25 designated, the following new paragraphs:

1 “(1) horses and other equines play a vital role
2 in the collective experience of the United States and
3 deserve protection and compassion;

4 “(2) horses and other equines are domestic ani-
5 mals that are used primarily for recreation, pleasure,
6 work, and sport;

7 “(3) unlike cows, pigs, and many other animals,
8 horses and other equines are not raised for the pur-
9 pose of being slaughtered for human consumption;

10 “(4) individuals selling horses or other equines
11 at auctions are seldom aware that the animals may
12 be bought for the purpose of being slaughtered for
13 human consumption;”; and

14 (3) by striking paragraph (8), as so redesign-
15 nated, and inserting the following new paragraph:

16 “(8) the shipping, transporting, moving, deliv-
17 ering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or
18 donation in intrastate commerce of horses and other
19 equines to be slaughtered for human consumption,
20 adversely affects and burdens interstate and foreign
21 commerce;”.

22 (c) PROHIBITION.—Section 5 of the Horse Protection
23 Act (15 U.S.C. 1824) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through
2 (11) as paragraphs (9) through (12), respectively;
3 and

4 (2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(8) The shipping, transporting, moving, deliv-
7 ering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or
8 donation by a person of any horse or other equine
9 that the person has reason to believe will be slaugh-
10 tered for human consumption.”.

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