

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To ensure the maintenance of a herd of horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. KAINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Theodore Roosevelt
5 National Park Wild Horses Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF HORSES IN THEODORE ROO-**
7 **SEVELT NATIONAL PARK.**

8 Section 5 of the Act of April 25, 1947 (61 Stat. 54,
9 chapter 41; 16 U.S.C. 245), is amended—

1 (1) by striking the section designation and all
2 that follows through “The Administration” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 **“SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION, PROTECTION, AND DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The administration”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) MAINTENANCE OF HORSES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
10 rior (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Sec-
11 retary’) shall maintain a genetically diverse herd of
12 horses in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt Na-
13 tional Park (referred to in this subsection as the
14 ‘Park’), with a population of not fewer than 150
15 horses.

16 “(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
18 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
19 section, the Secretary shall develop a plan to
20 provide for the management of horses in the
21 Park.

22 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan devel-
23 oped under subparagraph (A) shall provide for
24 the cost-effective management of the horses in

1 the Park while ensuring that natural resources
2 within the Park are not adversely impacted.

3 “(3) REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall not re-
4 move, or assist in or permit the removal of, any
5 horses from Federal land within the boundaries of
6 the Park—

7 “(A) unless the removal is carried out as
8 part of a plan to maintain a genetically diverse
9 herd of horses; or

10 “(B) except—

11 “(i) in the case of emergency; or

12 “(ii) to protect public health and safe-
13 ty.

14 “(4) MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT.— The
15 Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make
16 available to the public findings regarding the popu-
17 lation, structure, and health of the horses in the
18 Park.”.