



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Resolution 7001

Introduced by: **Representative** Rasmussen

1 **A RESOLUTION, to ensure the existence of a healthy, sustainable equine population.**

2 WHEREAS, South Dakota has high respect and appreciation for the horse in the American
 3 landscape, and is mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character
 4 of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the horse deserves protection, compassion, and humane treatment during
 6 ownership, transport, sale, and processing; and

7 WHEREAS, more than 100,000 horses are harvested annually in the United States for
 8 consumption in foreign markets or for domestic by-product use as a responsible means of
 9 maintaining a healthy, sustainable horse population;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the
 11 State of South Dakota, that it supports legislation that allows for the sale, possession, and
 12 transport of horses intended for processing; domestic ownership; contract and location of
 13 equine processing facilities; and the funding for Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors
 14 in facilities, including facilities on South Dakota Indian lands, that humanely reduce equine
 15 populations;

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House opposes the passage of the Horse Slaughter
 17 Prevention Act and any legislation or regulation that prohibits the humane harvest of equines.