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# H. R. 4241

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2023

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CARSON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. KILMER, Mr. BEYER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. CHU, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. LIEU, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HARDER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Horse Transportation  
5 Safety Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES IN CERTAIN VEHI-**  
7 **CLES PROHIBITED.**

8       (a) PROHIBITED ACT.—Section 5 of the Horse Pro-  
9 tection Act (15 U.S.C. 1824) is amended by adding at  
10 the end the following:

11           “(12)(A) The transport, or causing to be trans-  
12 ported, of a horse from a place in a State, the Dis-  
13 trict of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the  
14 United States through or to a place in another  
15 State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or  
16 possession of the United States in a motor vehicle  
17 containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of each  
18 other.

19           “(B) In this subparagraph, the term ‘motor ve-  
20 hicle’—

21           “(i) means a vehicle driven or drawn by  
22 mechanical power and manufactured primarily  
23 for use on public highways; and

24           “(ii) does not include a vehicle operated ex-  
25 clusively on a rail or rails.”.

1 (b) PENALTIES.—Section 6 of the Horse Protection  
2 Act (15 U.S.C. 1825) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “para-  
5 graph (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and  
6 (3)”; and

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

8 “(3) The penalties under paragraphs (1) and  
9 (2) shall not apply with respect to a violation of sec-  
10 tion 5(12).”; and

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Any  
13 person who violates section 5” and inserting  
14 “Except as specified in paragraph (5), any per-  
15 son who violates section 5”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(5) A person that knowingly violates section  
18 5(12) is liable to the United States Government for  
19 a civil penalty of at least \$100, but not more than  
20 \$500, for each violation. A separate violation of sec-  
21 tion 5(12) occurs for each horse that is transported,  
22 or caused to be transported, in violation of such sec-  
23 tion. Such penalty shall be in addition to any pen-

1 alty or remedy available under any other law or com-  
2 mon law.”.

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