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To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised
in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2017

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. COLLINS,
Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. COONS) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption
of equines raised in the United States.

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 “John Stringer Rainey
5 Memorial Safeguard American Food Exports Act” or the
6 “SAFE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds that—

1 (1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated
2 species, horses and other members of the equidae
3 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-
4 sumption;

5 (2) equines raised in the United States are fre-
6 quently treated with substances that are not ap-
7 proved for use in horses intended for human con-
8 sumption and equine parts are therefore unsafe
9 within the meaning of section 409 of the Federal
10 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

11 (3) equines raised in the United States are fre-
12 quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-
13 zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, ome-
14 prazole, ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitro-
15 furazone, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuter-
16 ol, tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved
17 for use in horses intended for human consumption
18 and equine parts are therefore unsafe within the
19 meaning of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug,
20 and Cosmetic Act; and

21 (4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the
22 United States likely poses a serious threat to human
23 health and the public should be protected from these
24 unsafe products.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(eee) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
6 section—

7 “(1) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
8 section 409 of this Act;

9 “(2) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under
10 section 512 of this Act; and

11 “(3) the knowing sale or transport of equines or
12 equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for
13 purposes of human consumption is hereby prohib-
14 ited.”.

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