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To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to provide for State and tribal management and protection of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23, 2015

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Wild Horse Oversight
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTEC-**
2 **TION OF WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND**
3 **BURROS.**

4 Public Law 92–195 (commonly known as the “Wild
5 Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act”) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 12. STATE AND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTEC-**
8 **TION.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection
10 (b), at the request of the legislature or Governor of a State
11 or the governing body of a federally recognized Indian
12 tribe, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
13 Agriculture shall allow the State or federally recognized
14 Indian tribe to assume all management and protection
15 functions under this Act regarding wild free-roaming
16 horses and burros on land within the boundaries of the
17 State or federally recognized Indian tribe. After a State
18 or federally recognized Indian tribe assumes such func-
19 tions, wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be man-
20 aged by the State or federally recognized Indian tribe in
21 accordance with this Act and in the same manner as any
22 other non-federally regulated species regarding functions
23 not specified in this Act.

1 “(b) INVENTORY.—The Secretary concerned shall
2 continue to maintain the inventory required by section
3 3(b)(1).”.

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