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S. 2732

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain conduct relating to the use of horses for human consumption.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “John Stringer Rainey
5 Save America’s Forgotten Equines Act” or the “John
6 Stringer Rainey SAFE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SLAUGHTER OF HORSES FOR HUMAN CONSUMP-**
 2 **TION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 50. Slaughter of horses for human consumption**

7 “(a) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful to knowingly—

8 “(1) possess, ship, transport, purchase, sell, de-
 9 liver, or receive, in or affecting interstate or foreign
 10 commerce, any horse with the intent that it is to be
 11 slaughtered for human consumption; or

12 “(2) possess, ship, transport, purchase, sell, de-
 13 liver, or receive, in or affecting interstate or foreign
 14 commerce, any horse flesh or carcass or part of a
 15 carcass, with the intent that it is to be used for
 16 human consumption.

17 “(b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
 18 (a)—

19 “(1) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
 20 not more than 2 years, or both; or

21 “(2) in the case of a covered offense, shall be
 22 fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 1
 23 year, or both.

24 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

25 “(1) the term ‘covered offense’ means a viola-
 26 tion of subsection (a) in which—

1 “(A) the defendant has no prior conviction
2 under this section; and

3 “(B) the conduct involves fewer than 5
4 horses or fewer than 2,000 pounds of horse
5 flesh or carcass or part of a carcass; and

6 “(2) the term ‘horse’ means any member of the
7 family Equidae.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 for chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
10 by adding at the end the following:

“50. Slaughter of horses for human consumption.”.

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