

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. COL-  
LINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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—

9 (1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated  
10 species, horses and other members of the equidae

1 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-  
2 sumption;

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

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

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