

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1273

To provide for the sale and adoption of excess wild free-roaming horses
and burros.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2005

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

A BILL

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roaming horses and burros.

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 Free-Roaming
5 Horses and Burros Sale and Adoption Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. SALE AND ADOPTION OF WILD FREE-ROAMING**
7 **HORSES AND BURROS.**

8 Section 3 of Public Law 92–195 (16 U.S.C. 1333)
9 is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “:
2 *Provided*” and all that follows through “adopt-
3 ing party”; and

4 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
5 serting the following:

6 “(C) Additional excess wild free-roaming
7 horses and burros for which an adoption de-
8 mand by qualified individuals does not exist
9 shall be sold under subsection (e).”;

10 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “not more
11 than four animals” and inserting “excess animals
12 transferred”;

13 (3) in subsection (e)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-
15 graph (A) and inserting the following:

16 “(A) the Secretary determines that there is
17 no adoption demand from qualified individuals
18 for the excess animal;”;

19 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “without
20 limitation”; and

21 (C) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-
22 ing the following:

23 “(4) EFFECT OF SALE.—At the end of the 1-
24 year period following the sale of any excess animal
25 under this subsection—

1 “(A) the Secretary shall grant to the
2 transferee title to the excess animal; and

3 “(B) the excess animal transferred shall no
4 longer be considered to be a wild free-roaming
5 horse or burro for purposes of this Act.”; and

6 (4) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(f) MINIMUM FEES AND BIDS.—The minimum
8 adoption fee required for the adoption of an excess animal
9 under this section shall be \$25.”.

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