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# S. 1488

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To improve the integrity and safety of interstate horseracing, and for other purposes.

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 “Racehorse Doping Ban  
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8           (1) INTERSTATE OFF-TRACK WAGER; HORSE-  
9 MEN’S GROUP; HOST RACING ASSOCIATION; OFF-  
10 TRACK BETTING SYSTEM.—The terms “interstate

1 off-track wager”, “horsemen’s group”, “host racing  
2 association”, and “off-track betting system” have  
3 the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the  
4 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C.  
5 3002).

6 (2) VETERINARIAN-CLIENT-PATIENT RELATION-  
7 SHIP.—The term “veterinarian-client-patient rela-  
8 tionship” has the meaning of that term as used in  
9 the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the  
10 American Veterinary Medical Association (as in ef-  
11 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act).

12 **SEC. 3. INDEPENDENT ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATION FOR**  
13 **INTERSTATE HORSERACING.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be an independent  
15 anti-doping organization with responsibility for ensuring  
16 the integrity and safety of horseraces that are the subject  
17 of interstate off-track wagers.

18 (b) DUTIES.—The duties of the independent anti-  
19 doping organization referred to in subsection (a) with re-  
20 spect to horseraces described in that subsection are the  
21 following:

22 (1) Developing, publishing, and maintaining  
23 rules with respect to—

4 (B) substances, methods, and treatments  
5 that may be administered to a horse particip-  
6 pating in such a horserace in the context of a  
7 veterinarian-client-patient relationship; and

8 (C) the use of substances, methods, and  
9 treatments permitted under subparagraph (B),  
10 including rules with respect to the period before  
11 a horserace (which may not be less than 24  
12 hours before a horserace) during which a horse  
13 may no longer receive such substances, meth-  
14 ods, and treatments.

5 (A) has violated a rule with respect to a  
6 substance, method, or treatment that may not  
7 be administered to a horse participating in such  
8 a horserace under subparagraph (A) of para-  
9 graph (1);

10 (B) has violated three or more times a rule  
11 with respect to a substance, method, or treat-  
12 ment permitted under subparagraphs (B) and  
13 (C) of that paragraph that has the ability to af-  
14 fect the performance of a horse; or

15 (C) is subject to a suspension from horse-  
16 racing activities by any State racing commis-  
17 sion.

18 (c) DEADLINE.—The independent anti-doping orga-  
19 nization referred to in subsection (a) shall publish the  
20 rules required by subsection (b) not later than one year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (d) SUSPENSION OF EXCLUSION PERIOD.—The inde-  
23 pendent anti-doping organization referred to in subsection  
24 (a) may—

10 (2) reinstate all or part of a period of exclusion  
11 imposed on a person and suspended under para-  
12 graph (1) if the person fails to provide substantial  
13 assistance described in that paragraph.

14 (e) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing, publishing, and  
15 maintaining rules under subsection (b)(1), the inde-  
16 pendent anti-doping organization referred to in subsection  
17 (a) may consult with State racing commissions, host rac-  
18 ing associations, horsemen's groups, and other interested  
19 persons.

20 (f) TRANSITION RULE WITH RESPECT TO  
21 FUROSEMIDE.—During the 2-year period beginning on  
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the independent  
23 anti-doping organization referred to in subsection (a) shall  
24 permit the use of furosemide in a horse participating in  
25 a horserace described in subsection (a) if—

1 (1) the horse is 3 years old or older; and

## 2 (2) the use of furosemide—

(B) is within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

10 (g) DESIGNATION OF ORGANIZATION.—The inde-  
11 pendent anti-doping organization designated pursuant to  
12 section 701 of the Office of National Drug Control Policy  
13 Reauthorization Act of 2006 (21 U.S.C. 2001) shall serve  
14 as the independent anti-doping organization referred to in  
15 subsection (a).

## 16 SEC. 4. CONSENT REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF INTER-

## 17 STATE OFF-TRACK WAGERS.

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of the en-  
19 actment of this Act, a host racing association may conduct  
20 a horserace that is the subject of an interstate off-track  
21 wager, and an interstate off-track wager may be accepted  
22 by an off-track betting system, only if consent is obtained  
23 from the independent anti-doping organization referred to  
24 in section 3(a).

25 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR AGREEMENT.—

(B) payments to the organization to defray the costs of carrying out the duties of the organization under this Act.

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