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S. 1377

To ensure the maintenance of a herd of horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2025

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. KAINE) 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 “Theodore Roosevelt
5 National Park Wild Horses Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF HORSES IN THEODORE ROO-**
7 **SEVELT NATIONAL PARK.**

8 Section 5 of the Act of April 25, 1947 (61 Stat. 54,
9 chapter 41; 16 U.S.C. 245), is amended—

1 (1) by striking the section designation and all
2 that follows through “The Administration” and in-
3 serting the following:

4 **“SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION, PROTECTION, AND DEVELOP-**
5 **MENT.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The administration”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) MAINTENANCE OF HORSES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
10 rior (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Sec-
11 retary’) shall maintain a genetically diverse herd of
12 horses in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt Na-
13 tional Park (referred to in this subsection as the
14 ‘Park’), with a population of not fewer than 150
15 horses.

16 “(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
18 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
19 section, the Secretary shall develop a plan to
20 provide for the management of horses in the
21 Park.

22 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan devel-
23 oped under subparagraph (A) shall provide for
24 the cost-effective management of the horses in

1 the Park while ensuring that natural resources
2 within the Park are not adversely impacted.

3 “(3) REMOVAL.—The Secretary shall not re-
4 move, or assist in or permit the removal of, any
5 horses from Federal land within the boundaries of
6 the Park—

7 “(A) unless the removal is carried out as
8 part of a plan to maintain a genetically diverse
9 herd of horses; or

10 “(B) except—

11 “(i) in the case of emergency; or

12 “(ii) to protect public health and safe-
13 ty.

14 “(4) MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT.— The
15 Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make
16 available to the public findings regarding the popu-
17 lation, structure, and health of the horses in the
18 Park.”.

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