

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Wild Horse Oversight  
5       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE AND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTEC-**  
2 **TION OF WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES AND**  
3 **BURROS.**

4 Public Law 92–195 (commonly known as the “Wild  
5 Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act”) is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following:

7 **“SEC. 12. STATE AND TRIBAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTEC-**  
8 **TION.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection  
10 (b), at the request of the legislature or Governor of a State  
11 or the governing body of a federally recognized Indian  
12 tribe, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of  
13 Agriculture shall allow the State or federally recognized  
14 Indian tribe to assume all management and protection  
15 functions under this Act regarding wild free-roaming  
16 horses and burros on land within the boundaries of the  
17 State or federally recognized Indian tribe. After a State  
18 or federally recognized Indian tribe assumes such func-  
19 tions, wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be man-  
20 aged by the State or federally recognized Indian tribe in  
21 accordance with this Act and in the same manner as any  
22 other non-federally regulated species regarding functions  
23 not specified in this Act.

24 “(b) INVENTORY.—The Secretary concerned shall  
25 continue to maintain the inventory required by section  
26 3(b)(1).”.