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To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on top of one another, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 “Horse Transportation
5 Safety Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.**

7 Section 80502 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “This section
10 does not” and inserting “Subsections (a) and (b)
11 shall not”;

12 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
13 section (e);

14 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(d) TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.—

17 “(1) PROHIBITION.—No person may transport,
18 or cause to be transported, a horse from a place in
19 a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or
20 possession of the United States through or to a
21 place in another State, the District of Columbia, or

1 a territory or possession of the United States in a
2 motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on
3 top of each other.

4 “(2) MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this sub-
5 section, the term ‘motor vehicle’—

6 “(A) means a vehicle driven or drawn by
7 mechanical power and manufactured primarily
8 for use on public highways; and

9 “(B) does not include a vehicle operated
10 exclusively on a rail or rails.”; and

11 (4) in subsection (e), as redesignated—

12 (A) by striking “A rail carrier” and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A rail carrier”;

15 (B) by striking “this section” and insert-
16 ing “subsection (a) or (b)”;

17 (C) by striking “On learning” and insert-
18 ing the following:

19 “(2) TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES IN MULTI-
20 LEVEL TRAILER.—

21 “(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—A person that
22 knowingly violates subsection (d) is liable to the
23 United States Government for a civil penalty of
24 at least \$100, but not more than \$500, for each
25 violation. A separate violation of subsection (d)

1 occurs for each horse that is transported, or
2 caused to be transported, in violation of sub-
3 section (d).

4 “(B) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—
5 The penalty imposed under subparagraph (A)
6 shall be in addition to any penalty or remedy
7 available under any other law or common law.
8 “(3) CIVIL ACTION.—On learning”.

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