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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To ensure the maintenance of a herd of horses in Theodore
Roosevelt National Park, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Theodore Roosevelt
3 National Park Wild Horses Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MAINTENANCE OF HORSES IN THEODORE ROO-
5 SEVELT NATIONAL PARK.**

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(b) MAINTENANCE OF HORSES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
17 rior (referred to in this subsection as the ‘Sec-
18 retary’) shall maintain a genetically diverse herd of
19 horses in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt Na-
20 tional Park (referred to in this subsection as the
21 ‘Park’), with a population of not fewer than 150
22 horses.

23 “(2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
25 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
26 section, the Secretary shall develop a plan to

1 provide for the management of horses in the
2 Park.

3 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan devel-
4 oped under subparagraph (A) shall provide for
5 the cost-effective management of the horses in
6 the Park while ensuring that natural resources
7 within the Park are not adversely impacted.

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

12 “(A) unless the removal is carried out as
13 part of a plan to maintain a genetically diverse
14 herd of horses; or

15 “(B) except—

16 “(i) in the case of emergency; or

17 “(ii) to protect public health and safe-
18 ty.

19 “(4) MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT.— The
20 Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make

1 available to the public findings regarding the popu-
2 lation, structure, and health of the horses in the
3 Park.”.

Passed the Senate June 11, 2026.

Attest:

JACKIE BARBER

Secretary.