

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2874

To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to provide for delegation to States of the powers and duties under that Act regarding management of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

Mr. GIBBONS (for himself and Mr. HANSEN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Wild Horse and Burro
5 Preservation and Management Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES TO STATES**
2 **REGARDING WILD FREE-ROAMING HORSES**
3 **AND BURROS.**

4 Section 3 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Bur-
5 ros Act (16 U.S.C. 1333) is amended by adding at the
6 end the following:

7 “(e) DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES TO
8 STATES.—Upon request of the Governor of a State, the
9 Secretary shall delegate to the State the powers and duties
10 of the Secretary under this Act with respect to wild free-
11 roaming horses and burros in the State.”.

12 **SEC. 3. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AMONG STATES.**

13 The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following:

16 **“SEC. 12. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AMONG STATES.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 13(b)(2), from
18 the total sums available to carry out this Act each fiscal
19 year that are not needed to administer adoptions of wild
20 horses and burros under this Act, the Secretary shall allo-
21 cate to each State an amount that bears the same ratio
22 to those sums as the population of wild free-roaming
23 horses and burros in the State bears to the total popu-
24 lation of wild free-roaming horses and burros in all States.

1 “(b) USE OF ALLOCATED AMOUNTS.—Amounts allo-
 2 cated to a State under subsection (a) for a fiscal year shall
 3 be used only for activities under this Act in that State.

4 “(c) TRANSFER OF ALLOCATED AMOUNTS TO STATE
 5 HAVING DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES.—If the Sec-
 6 retary has delegated powers and duties to a State under
 7 section 3(e)—

8 “(1) the Secretary shall transfer to the State
 9 the amounts allocated to the State under this sec-
 10 tion; and

11 “(2) the amounts transferred may be used by
 12 the State only to carry out those powers and du-
 13 ties.”.

14 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN REGARDING ADOPT-**
 15 **ION PROGRAM.**

16 The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (16
 17 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is further amended by adding at the
 18 end the following:

19 **“SEC. 13. NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior,
 21 acting through the Bureau of Land Management, shall
 22 conduct a national media campaign to increase public
 23 awareness of the wild free-roaming horses and burros
 24 adoption program under this Act.

25 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
2 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-
3 tion—

4 “(A) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2000 and 2001; and

6 “(B) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

7 “(2) NOT SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION.—Section
8 12 shall not apply to amounts appropriated under
9 this section.”.

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