

## HR 4098

### Horse Protection Amendments Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** Feb 26, 2014

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. (Feb 28, 2014)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/4098>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]                      | R · KY        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6]                    | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]               | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Duncan, John J., Jr. [R-TN-2]            | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Fincher, Stephen Lee [R-TN-8]            | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3] | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]             | D · WV        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]                   | R · TN        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]                  | R · KY        |      | Feb 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Mulvaney, Mick [R-SC-5]                  | R · SC        |      | Mar 25, 2014 |
| Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]             | R · MI        |      | Mar 26, 2014 |
| Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]                   | R · GA        |      | May 27, 2014 |
| Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]                  | D · MO        |      | Jul 22, 2014 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred to | Feb 28, 2014 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Animals

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action   |
|------------|--------------|---|
| 113 S 2193 | Related bill | Apr 1, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Horse Protection Amendments Act of 2013 [sic] - Amends the Horse Protection Act to replace the Designated Qualified Persons program responsible for inspecting horses for soring with a new inspection system. (The soring of horses is any of various actions taken on a horse's limb to produce a higher gait that may cause pain, distress, inflammation, or lameness.)

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a single Horse Industry Organization (HIO) in order to establish a formal affiliation with the management of each horse sale, horse exhibition, and horse sale or auction, appoint inspectors to conduct inspections, and otherwise ensure compliance with the Horse Protection Act.

Directs the appointment of individuals by the Commissioners of Agriculture for Tennessee and Kentucky to govern the HIO. Requires those individuals to appoint individuals representing the Tennessee Walking Horse industry.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 28, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Introduced in House
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