

HR 4105

Horse Protection Amendments Act of 2015

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Animals

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 20, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1161	Related bill	Apr 30, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill 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.)

The Department of Agriculture must 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.

The Commissioners of Agriculture for Tennessee and Kentucky must appoint individuals to the HIO. Those individuals must appoint individuals representing the Tennessee Walking Horse industry.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
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