

## S 2957

PAST Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Animals

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]

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

**Cosponsors** (45 total)

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Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 24, 2018
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Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		May 24, 2018
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		May 24, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		May 24, 2018
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		May 24, 2018
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		May 24, 2018
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		May 24, 2018
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 4, 2018
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Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 7, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Jun 11, 2018
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Jun 11, 2018
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Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jun 18, 2018
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 26, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 10, 2018
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 31, 2018
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 17, 2018
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 18, 2018
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 24, 2018
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 24, 2018
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Oct 2, 2018
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 2, 2018
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Oct 2, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 3, 2018
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Oct 4, 2018
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Oct 4, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 4, 2018
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Oct 4, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 9, 2018

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 10, 2018
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Oct 10, 2018
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 28, 2018
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Dec 5, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 24, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Animals

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of May 24, 2018)

### Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2018 or the PAST Act

This bill amends the Horse Protection Act to establish a new system for inspecting horses for soring, revise penalties for violations of the Act, and modify enforcement procedures. 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 (USDA) must establish requirements to license, train, assign, and oversee persons hired by the management of horse shows, exhibitions, sales, or auctions to detect and diagnose sore horses. A license may not be issued to a person with conflicts of interest, and USDA must give preference to veterinarians. USDA may revoke a license for unsatisfactory performance. USDA must assign licensed inspectors after receiving notice that management intends to hire the inspectors. An inspector must issue a citation for violations and notify USDA of violations. USDA must publish information on violations of this bill and disqualify a horse that is sore.

The bill prohibits a person in any horse show, exhibition, sale, or auction from causing or directing a horse to become sore for the purpose of showing, exhibiting, selling, or auctioning the horse.

The bill prohibits the use of specified devices on a Tennessee Walking, a Racking, or a Spotted Saddle horse at a show, exhibition, sale, or auction.

The bill increases the maximum criminal and civil liability penalties for certain violations. USDA may disqualify violators from specified activities related to horse shows, exhibitions, sales, and auctions.

## Actions Timeline

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