



2020 South Dakota Legislature
House Resolution 7001
ENROLLED

AN ACT

A RESOLUTION, To ensure the existence of a healthy, sustainable equine population.

WHEREAS, South Dakota has high respect and appreciation for the horse in the American landscape, and is mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history, and character of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the horse deserves protection, compassion, and humane treatment during ownership, transport, sale, and processing; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 horses are harvested annually in the United States for consumption in foreign markets or for domestic by-product use as a responsible means of maintaining a healthy, sustainable horse population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that it supports legislation that allows for the sale, possession, and transport of horses intended for processing; domestic ownership; contract and location of equine processing facilities; and the funding for Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors in facilities, including facilities on South Dakota Indian lands, that humanely reduce equine populations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House opposes the passage of the Horse Slaughter Prevention Act and any legislation or regulation that prohibits the humane harvest of equines.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,

February 19, 2020

Steven G. Haugaard
Speaker of the House

Mary Lou Goehring
Chief Clerk