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S. 2479

To provide clarification regarding the common or usual name for bison and compliance with section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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. COMMON OR USUAL NAME FOR NORTH AMER-**
4 **ICAN BISON.**

5 Section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
6 Act (21 U.S.C. 343) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(z)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), if it is a food
9 that is or contains any animal in the genus *Bubalus* and

1 the labeling uses the term ‘buffalo’ as a common or usual
2 name for the food, unless the term used in the labeling
3 is ‘water buffalo’.

4 “(2) Subparagraph (1) shall not be construed as pro-
5 hibiting the use of the term ‘buffalo’ as a common or usual
6 name for the animal *Bison bison bison* (commonly known
7 as the plains bison), or the animal *Bison bison athabascae*
8 (commonly known as the wood bison).”.

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