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# S. 541

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised  
in the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2013

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
cation, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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of equines raised in the United States.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American  
5 Food Exports Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated  
9 species, horses and other members of the equidae

1 family are not raised for the purpose of human con-  
2 sumption;

3 (2) equines raised in the United States are fre-  
4 quently treated with substances that are not ap-  
5 proved for use in horses intended for human con-  
6 sumption and equine parts are therefore unsafe  
7 within the meaning of section 409 of the Federal  
8 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

9 (3) equines raised in the United States are fre-  
10 quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-  
11 zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, omepr-  
12azole, ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitrofu-  
13 razole, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuterol,  
14 tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved for  
15 use in horses intended for human consumption and  
16 equine parts are therefore unsafe within the mean-  
17 ing of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and  
18 Cosmetic Act; and

19 (4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the  
20 United States likely poses a serious threat to human  
21 health and the public should be protected from these  
22 unsafe products.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

2 Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
3 Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the  
4 following:

5 “(ccc) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
6 section—

7 “(1) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under  
8 section 409 of this Act;

9 “(2) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under  
10 section 512 of this Act; and

11 “(3) the knowing sale or transport of equines or  
12 equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for  
13 purposes of human consumption is hereby prohib-  
14 ited.”.

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