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# H. R. 3623

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 29, 2025

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. BEYER, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. STANTON, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. CASTEN, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Horse Transportation  
5 Safety Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.**

2 Section 80502 of title 49, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “This section  
5 does not” and inserting “Subsections (a) and (b)  
6 shall not”;

7 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
8 section (e);

9 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(d) TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES.—

12 “(1) PROHIBITION.—No person may transport,  
13 or cause to be transported, a horse from a place in  
14 a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or  
15 possession of the United States through or to a  
16 place in another State, the District of Columbia, or  
17 a territory or possession of the United States in a  
18 motor vehicle containing 2 or more levels stacked on  
19 top of each other.

20 “(2) MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this sub-  
21 section, the term ‘motor vehicle’—

22 “(A) means a vehicle driven or drawn by  
23 mechanical power and manufactured primarily  
24 for use on public highways; and

25 “(B) does not include a vehicle operated  
26 exclusively on a rail or rails.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (e), as redesignated—

2 (A) by striking “A rail carrier” and insert-  
3 ing the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A rail carrier”;

5 (B) by striking “this section” and insert-  
6 ing “subsection (a) or (b)”; and

7 (C) by striking “On learning” and insert-  
8 ing the following:

9 “(2) TRANSPORTATION OF HORSES IN MULTI-  
10 LEVEL TRAILER.—

11 “(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—A person that  
12 knowingly violates subsection (d) is liable to the  
13 United States Government for a civil penalty of  
14 at least \$100, but not more than \$500, for each  
15 violation. A separate violation of subsection (d)  
16 occurs for each horse that is transported, or  
17 caused to be transported, in violation of sub-  
18 section (d).

19 “(B) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—  
20 The penalty imposed under subparagraph (A)  
21 shall be in addition to any penalty or remedy  
22 available under any other law or common law.

23 “(3) CIVIL ACTION.—On learning”.

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