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# H. R. 2993

To provide for the sale of excess wild free-roaming horses and burros.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2005

Mr. PORTER (for himself, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. GIBBONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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 “Wild Free-Roaming  
5       Horses and Burros Sale and Adoption Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. SALE AND ADOPTION OF WILD FREE-ROAMING**  
7       **HORSES AND BURROS.**

8       Section 3 of Public Law 92–195 (16 U.S.C. 1333)  
9       is amended—

10               (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “:  
2 *Provided*” and all that follows through “adopt-  
3 ing party”; and

4 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-  
5 serting the following:

6 “(C) Additional excess wild free-roaming  
7 horses and burros for which an adoption de-  
8 mand by qualified individuals does not exist  
9 shall be sold under subsection (e).”;

10 (2) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) in the heading, by striking “LIMITED  
12 NUMBER OF”; and

13 (B) in the text, by striking “not more than  
14 four animals” and inserting “excess animals  
15 transferred”;

16 (3) in subsection (e)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-  
18 graph (A) and inserting the following:

19 “(A) the Secretary determines that there is  
20 no adoption demand from qualified individuals  
21 for the excess animal;”;

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “without  
23 limitation”; and

24 (C) by striking paragraph (4) and insert-  
25 ing the following:

1           “(4) EFFECT OF SALE.—At the end of a 1-year  
2           period following the sale of any excess animal under  
3           this subsection—

4                   “(A) the Secretary shall grant to the  
5           transferee title to the excess animal; and

6                   “(B) the excess animal transferred shall no  
7           longer be considered to be a wild free-roaming  
8           horse or burro for purposes of this Act.”; and

9           (4) by adding at the end the following:

10           “(f) MINIMUM FEES AND BIDS.—The minimum  
11          adoption fee required under this section shall be \$25.”.

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