1	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S4/7/25
2	95th General Assembly A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2025SENATE BILL 563
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5	By: Senator Irvin
6	By: Representative Cavenaugh
7	For An Act To Be Entitled
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9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EQUINE WELFARE; TO
10	AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY
11	COMMISSION TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR CERTAIN
12	ACTIONS AGAINST AN EQUINE; TO ALLOW A BODY CONDITION
13	SCORE TO BE USED TO DETERMINE IF ADEQUATE FOOD AND
14	WATER HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO AN EQUINE UNDER THE
15	OFFENSE OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; AND FOR OTHER
16	PURPOSES.
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19 20	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND
20	POULTRY COMMISSION TO IMPOSE A CIVIL
22	PENALTY FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS AGAINST AN
22	EQUINE; AND TO ALLOW A BODY CONDITION
24	SCORE TO BE USED FOR AN EQUINE UNDER THE
25	OFFENSE OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 33, Subchapter 1, is amended
30	to add an additional section to read as follows:
31	<u>2-33-117. Equine welfare - Penalties.</u>
32	A person who commits the offense of cruelty to animals under § 5-62-
33	103(a)(4) against an equine is subject to civil penalties imposed by the
34	Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission not to exceed five thousand dollars
35	(\$5,000) per violation.
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1	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-62-103(a)(4), concerning the failure to
2	supply an animal with sufficient food and water under the offense of cruelty
3	to animals, is amended to read as follows:
4	(4) <u>(A)</u> Fails to supply an animal in his or her custody with a
5	sufficient quantity of wholesome food and water ; .
6	(B) To determine if adequate food and water have been
7	supplied for an equine under subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section, a body
8	condition score conducted by a licensed veterinarian may be used;
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10	/s/Irvin
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