

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 431—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Requires the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out a management plan for certain horses. (BDR 50-1131)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to horses; requiring the State Department of Agriculture to develop and carry out a management plan for certain horses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing federal law places the management of certain wild horses and burros
2 under certain federal agencies and protects such animals from harassment and
3 killing. (16 U.S.C. §§ 1331 et seq.) This bill requires the State Department of
4 Agriculture to develop and implement a program for the humane and ecologically
5 sound management of those feral, stray or wild horses that do not fall under the
6 responsibility and protection of the Federal Government.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 569 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. The Department shall develop and carry out a*
4 *management plan to achieve and maintain appropriate*
5 *management levels of horses subject to the management of the*
6 *Department.*

7 *2. The management plan developed pursuant to subsection 1*
8 *must:*



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1 (a) *Identify appropriate management levels of horses subject to*
2 *the management of the Department; and*

3 (b) *Use humane methods of reproductive control for both male*
4 *and female horses subject to the management of the Department.*

5 3. *The Department shall:*

6 (a) *Implement the management plan developed pursuant to*
7 *subsection 1; and*

8 (b) *Update and revise the plan, as necessary.*

9 4. *As used in this section:*

10 (a) *“Appropriate management level” means the optimum*
11 *number of horses subject to the management of the Department*
12 *which supports an ecological balance between species*
13 *conservation, herd health, habitat sustainability and forage*
14 *vitality.*

15 (b) *“Horses subject to the management of the Department”*
16 *means any horse which is not privately owned, controlled and*
17 *maintained or which is not subject to the jurisdiction of the*
18 *Federal Government pursuant to the Wild Free-Roaming Horses*
19 *and Burros Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1331 to 1340, inclusive, and*
20 *includes, without limitation, horses which are feral livestock,*
21 *stray or wild.*

22 **Sec. 2.** NRS 569.005 is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 569.005 As used in NRS 569.005 to 569.130, inclusive, *and*
24 *section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the
25 words and terms defined in NRS 569.006 to 569.0085, inclusive,
26 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

