

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3261

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8 An Act relating to definitions and general
9 provisions; providing history of the American Quarter
10 Horse; designating the American Quarter Horse as the
11 state horse of Oklahoma; providing for
12 noncodification; providing for codification; and
13 providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 The American Quarter Horse shall be designated as the state
18 horse of Oklahoma. The American Quarter Horse's name is derived
19 from its ability to outrun other horse breeds in races of one-
20 quarter (1/4) mile or less; some have been clocked at speeds of up
21 to fifty-five (55) miles per hour. In addition, the American
22 Quarter Horse is known as a quick and smart cow horse and is the
23 most popular breed of horse in the United States today. For nearly
24 fifty (50) years, the American Quarter Horse Association has held
its world championship show in Oklahoma City. The Colonial Spanish

1 Horse of Oklahoma has deeply rich ties to the American Quarter
2 Horse. The Colonial Spanish Horse was brought to America in the
3 1500s by the Spanish conquistadors. These were pure Spanish
4 Mustangs, a relatively small but tough breed of horse. After the
5 introduction of these horses to Native American tribes, the horses
6 became essential to the tribes, who began to rely heavily on them
7 for their travels during times of war and hardship, as well as for
8 hunting. In addition, the Native American tribes utilized the
9 Colonial Spanish Horse to traverse the Trail of Tears. The Colonial
10 Spanish Horse of Oklahoma is the only native horse in the state and
11 has the purest bloodline. There is evidence that the Spanish
12 Mustangs obtained from the Native American tribes were crossed with
13 the English colonists' stock as early as the year 1611. The product
14 of this breeding would come to be known as the American Quarter
15 Horse. Currently, Oklahoma is fifth in the nation in total horse
16 numbers, behind only Texas, California, Florida, and Ohio. Horses
17 in Oklahoma are used for diverse purposes with forty-four percent
18 (44%) being privately owned, seventeen percent (17%) used for
19 showing, and seventeen percent (17%) for racing. The predominant
20 horse breed in Oklahoma is the American Quarter Horse. The American
21 Horse Council estimates about one hundred four thousand (104,000)
22 American Quarter Horses were in Oklahoma in 2017. Oklahoma was
23 listed second in the United States in total American Quarter Horse
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1 numbers. For the reasons listed above, the American Quarter Horse
2 deserves to be designated as the state horse of Oklahoma.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 94.17 of Title 25, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The American Quarter Horse is hereby designated and adopted as
7 the state horse of Oklahoma.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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