

The Maryland Horse Council has long supported the passage of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act in the US Congress and was the first horse council in the country to support the PAST Act by formal resolution.

Here is the resolution originally passed on May 21, 2013, and reiterated on January 17, 2014:

The Maryland Horse Council does hereby resolve to endorse the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, H.R. 1518, SB 1406. Soring is used by dishonest trainers to deliberately impose pain in order to exaggerate the high-stepping gait of their horses and gain competitive advantage at horse shows. The PAST Act will amend the Horse Protection Act to end the industry's failed system of policing, ban the use of devices implicated in the practice of soring, toughen penalties, and make other reforms needed to finally end this torture. We add our name to other organizations who are endorsing this legislation, including the American Horse Council, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, and the American Veterinary Medicine Association.