

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 559

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPENCER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 262, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to working animals.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 262.760, to read as follows:

262.760. 1. **Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the right to  
2 utilize working animals for the mutual benefit and welfare of the animals and those they  
3 serve shall be guaranteed. No law, ordinance, or rule shall be enacted by any village, town,  
4 city, or county, including any home rule city, that terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by  
5 creating undue financial hardship, the job or use of working animals or animal enterprise  
6 in commerce, service, or ranching including, but not limited to, entertainment,  
7 transportation, education, or exhibition.**

8 2. **Nothing in this section shall alter state or federal laws or statutes that regulate  
9 animal care, public health, and safety.**

10 3. **For purposes of this section, the term "working animal" shall mean any animal  
11 used for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce, service,  
12 ranching, or animal enterprise including, but not limited to, entertainment, transportation,  
13 education, or exhibition.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.