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HOUSE BILL NO. 1586

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 340, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the practice of veterinary medicine.

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

Section A. Chapter 340, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 340.201, to read as follows:

340.201. 1. The general assembly hereby occupies and preempts the entire field
2 **of legislation concerning the practice of veterinary medicine regulated under this**
3 **chapter. A political subdivision of this state is preempted from enacting, maintaining, or**
4 **enforcing any order, ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar measure that**
5 **prohibits, restricts, limits, regulates, controls, directs, or interferes with the practice of**
6 **veterinary medicine.**

7 **2. Nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt a political subdivision of this**
8 **state from exercising its lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use, to enforce a**
9 **building or fire code regulation, to impose a tax or license fee for the privilege of**
10 **carrying on the profession of veterinary medicine consistent with the laws regulating**
11 **such taxes or license fees, to require vaccinations and licensing of animals kept within**
12 **the boundaries of the political subdivision, to prohibit animal abuse, or otherwise to**
13 **regulate for the general health, safety, sanitation, and welfare as long as the order,**
14 **ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other measure does not interfere with, restrict, or**
15 **limit the ability of a lawfully licensed person from engaging in any act or performing**
16 **any procedure that falls within the professionally recognized scope of practice of**
17 **veterinary medicine.**

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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.