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HOUSE BILL NO. 559

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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.**

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

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