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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 559

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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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:

3 **262.760. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no law,**  
4 **ordinance, or rule shall be enacted by any village, town, city, or county, including any**  
5 **home rule city, that terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by creating undue financial**  
6 **hardship, the job or use of working animals or animal enterprise in commerce including,**  
7 **but not limited to, entertainment, 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. Nothing in this section shall prevent the establishment of or alter village, town,**  
11 **city, or county laws, ordinances, or rules regarding animal care, public health, or public**  
12 **safety unless such law, ordinance, or rule is in violation of this section, in which case this**  
13 **section shall supersede such law, ordinance, or rule.**

14 **4. For purposes of this section, the term "working animal" shall mean any animal**  
15 **used for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce or animal**  
16 **enterprise including, but not limited to, entertainment, transportation, education, or**  
17 **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.