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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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## 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  
2 section, to be known as section 262.760, to read as follows:

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

9 **2. Nothing in this section shall alter state or federal laws,  
10 statutes, or regulations.**

11 **3. Nothing in this section shall prevent or alter village, town,  
12 city, or county laws, ordinances, or rules regarding animal care, public  
13 health, or public safety; unless such law, ordinance, or rule is in  
14 violation of this section, in which case this section shall supercede such  
15 law, ordinance, or rule.**

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

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