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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 918

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, February 12, 2018, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

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

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 known as section 262.760, to read as follows:

262.760. 1. No political subdivision shall impose any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting the use of a working animal, but each political subdivision may adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing such animals so long as such rules and regulations do not amount to a ban on the use of such working animals for business, commerce, service, or entertainment.

2. No political subdivision shall impose any order, ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting working animals on public streets, but each political subdivision may adopt orders, ordinances, policies, and regulations that further the public health, safety, and welfare.

3. The provisions of subsection 2 of this section shall not apply to:

(1) Mounted peace officers;

(2) Parades and public celebrations;

(3) Horses or ponies measuring less than forty inches as measured from the last hairs of the mane, which are at the withers.

4. For purposes of this section, "working animal" shall mean the use of any animal for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in business, commerce, or service, including but not limited to, animals in entertainment.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to preserve the use of
2 working animals in certain cities, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the
3 immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution,
5 and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
6 approval.

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