

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0066

Working animal protection act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Rodriguez-Williams,
Fortner, Laursen, Neiman and Winter and
Senator(s) French

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to counties, cities and towns; prohibiting
2 counties, cities and towns from enacting and enforcing
3 policies on the use of animals as specified; and providing
4 for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 15-1-133 and 18-2-117 are created to
9 read:

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11 **15-1-133. Working animal protections.**

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13 (a) No city or town shall enact an ordinance or
14 policy that terminates, bans or unduly impedes a person

1 from using a working animal in lawful commerce or animal
2 enterprise.

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4 (b) This section supersedes any municipal ordinance
5 or policy that conflicts with this section, including any
6 conflicting municipal ordinance in effect prior to July 1,
7 2022, but shall not supersede:

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9 (i) Any municipal zoning ordinance enacted under
10 this title;

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12 (ii) Any municipal ordinance or policy relating
13 to public health or public safety.

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15 (c) This section shall not be interpreted to amend
16 any other Wyoming law that relates to animal care, public
17 health or public safety, including the provisions of W.S.
18 23-3-109.

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20 (d) As used in this section, "working animal" means a
21 nonhuman animal used primarily for the purpose of
22 performing a specific duty or function in commerce or
23 animal enterprise including human service, legal hunting,

1 agriculture, ranching, husbandry, transportation,
2 education, competition, tourism, entertainment or
3 exhibition. The term does not include rabbits, llamas,
4 cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry or any other animal
5 that is used primarily for the production of food or fiber.

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7 **18-2-117. Working animal protections.**

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9 (a) No county shall enact any resolution or policy
10 that terminates, bans or unduly impedes a person from using
11 a working animal in lawful commerce or animal enterprise.

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13 (b) This section supersedes any resolution or policy
14 that conflicts with this section, including any conflicting
15 county resolution in effect prior to July 1, 2022, but
16 shall not supersede:

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18 (i) Any county zoning resolution enacted under
19 this title;

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21 (ii) Any policy relating to public health or
22 public safety.

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12 exhibition. The term does not include rabbits, llamas,
13 cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry or any other animal
14 that is used primarily for the production of food or fiber.

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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