

SENATE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 918

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:

1 Section A. Chapter 262, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 262.760, to read as
3 follows:

4 262.760. 1. No political subdivision shall impose any
5 order, ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting the use of a
6 working animal unless such use poses a reasonable threat to
7 public health, safety, or welfare, or to the health and welfare
8 of the working animal, but each political subdivision may adopt
9 reasonable rules and regulations governing such animals so long
10 as such rules and regulations are not intended to ban the use of
11 such working animals for entertainment, transportation, or
12 educational exhibits.

13 2. No political subdivision shall impose any order,
14 ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting working animals on
15 public streets unless such street, or time of day for a
16 particular street, poses a reasonable threat to public health,
17 safety, or welfare, or to the health and welfare of the working

1 animal, but each political subdivision may adopt orders,
2 ordinances, policies, and regulations that further the public
3 health, safety, and welfare.

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

6 (1) Mounted peace officers;

7 (2) Parades and public celebrations;

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

11 4. For purposes of this section, "working animal" shall
12 mean the use of any animal for the purpose of performing a
13 specific duty or function in entertainment, transportation, or
14 educational exhibits.