

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

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

262.760. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, except as provided in this section, no law, ordinance, or rule shall be enacted by any village, town, city, or county, including any home rule city, that terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by creating undue financial hardship, the job or use of working animals or an enterprise employing working animals in commerce.

2. Nothing in this section shall alter state or federal laws or statutes that regulate animal care, public health, and safety.

3. Nothing in this section shall prevent the establishment of or alter village, town, city, or county laws, ordinances, or rules enacted pursuant to chapter 89 regarding animal care, public health, traffic regulations, or public safety unless such

law, ordinance, or rule is in violation of this section, in which case this section shall supersede such law, ordinance, or rule.

4. For purposes of this section, the term "working animal" shall mean any animal used for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce including entertainment, transportation, education, or exhibition.