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SENATE BILL NO. 159

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

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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.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

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:

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

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

11 3. Nothing in this section shall prevent the
12 establishment of or alter village, town, city, or county
13 laws, ordinances, or rules enacted pursuant to chapter 89
14 regarding animal care, public health, traffic regulations,
15 or public safety unless such law, ordinance, or rule is in
16 violation of this section, in which case this section shall
17 supersede such law, ordinance, or rule.

18 4. For purposes of this section, the term "working
19 animal" means any animal used for the purpose of performing

20 a specific duty or function including entertainment,
21 transportation, education, or exhibition by for-profit and
22 not-for-profit entities.

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