

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 115

AN ACT

To amend chapter 340, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to entities authorized to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine.

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

Section A. Chapter 340, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 340.201, to read as  
3 follows:

340.201. 1. The general assembly hereby occupies and  
2 preempts the entire field of legislation concerning the  
3 practice of veterinary medicine regulated under this  
4 chapter. A political subdivision of this state is preempted  
5 from enacting, maintaining, or enforcing any order,  
6 ordinance, rule, regulation, policy, or other similar  
7 measure that prohibits, restricts, limits, regulates,  
8 controls, directs, or interferes with the practice of  
9 veterinary medicine.

10 2. Nothing in this section shall preclude or preempt a  
11 political subdivision of this state from exercising its  
12 lawful authority to regulate zoning or land use, to enforce  
13 a building or fire code regulation, to impose a tax or  
14 license fee for the privilege of carrying on the profession  
15 of veterinary medicine consistent with the laws regulating  
16 such taxes or license fees, to require vaccinations and  
17 licensing of animals kept within the boundaries of the  
18 political subdivision, to prohibit animal abuse, or  
19 otherwise to regulate for the general health, safety,  
20 sanitation, and welfare as long as the order, ordinance,  
21 rule, regulation, policy, or other measure does not

22 interfere with, restrict, or limit the ability of a lawfully  
23 licensed person from engaging in any act or performing any  
24 procedure that falls within the professionally recognized  
25 scope of practice of veterinary medicine or otherwise  
26 interfere with a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.