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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1883

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6 Lowery, McClure, McGrew, Payton, Tollett

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTIONS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 THE WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 11, is
20 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 14-54-1105. Working animal protection – Definition.

22 (a) As used in this section, "working animal" means a nonhuman animal
23 used for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce or
24 animal enterprise, including without limitation human service,
25 transportation, education, competition, or exhibition.

26 (b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
27 right to utilize a working animal for the benefit and welfare of the working
28 animal or the individual the working animal serves is guaranteed.

29 (2) An ordinance or resolution shall not be enacted by a
30 municipality that terminates, bans, effectively bans, or creates an undue
31 hardship relating to the job or use of a working animal or animal enterprise
32 in commerce, service, legal hunting, agriculture, husbandry, transportation,
33 ranching, entertainment, education, or exhibition.

34 (c) This section does not alter state laws or rules that regulate
35 animal care, public health, or public safety.

36 (d) This section does not prohibit a municipality from establishing or



1 altering an ordinance regarding animal care, public health, or public safety.

2 (e) This section supersedes a municipal ordinance, resolution, or rule
3 that conflicts with this section.

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