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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1883

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 THE WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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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)(1) As used in this section, "working animal" means a nonhuman
23 animal used for the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in
24 commerce or animal enterprise, including without limitation human service,
25 transportation, education, competition, or exhibition.

26 (2) As used in this section, "working animal" does not mean
27 poultry, swine, dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep, goats, or other similar
28 nonperformance production enterprise.

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

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



