1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H4/13/21	
2	93rd General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2021		HOUSE BILL 1883
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5	By: Representatives Christiansen, Vaught, Lundstrum, Beaty Jr., Cavenaugh, Coleman, M. Gray, Hudson,		
6	Lowery, McClure, McGrew, Payton, Tollett		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT CONCERNING WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTIONS; AND FOR		
10	OTHER PURPOSES.		
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14	THE	E WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT.	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:
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19	SECTION 1. Ar	kansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subcha	apter ll, is
20	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:		
21	<u>14-54-1105. Working animal protection — Definition.</u>		
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	<u>transportation, educ</u>	cation, competition, or exhibition.	
26	<u>(2) As</u>	used in this section, "working animal" of	<u>loes not mean</u>
27	poultry, swine, dair	y cows, beef cattle, sheep, goats, or ot	<u>ther similar</u>
28	<u>nonperformance produ</u>	action enterprise.	
29	<u>(b)(l) Notwit</u>	hstanding any other provision of law to	the contrary, the
30	<u>right to utilize a w</u>	orking animal for the benefit and welfar	re of the working
31	<u>animal or the indivi</u>	dual the working animal serves is guaran	nteed.
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.		



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1	(c) This section does not alter state laws or rules that regulate
2	animal care, public health, or public safety.
3	(d) This section does not prohibit a municipality from establishing or
4	altering an ordinance regarding animal care, public health, or public safety.
5	(e) This section supersedes a municipal ordinance, resolution, or rule
6	that conflicts with this section but does not supersede a municipal zoning
7	ordinance under § 14-56-401 et seq.
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9	/s/Christiansen
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