1 2	State of Arkansas As Engrossed: $H4/13/21 H4/19/21$ 93rd General Assembly $As Engrossed: Bill$	
3	Regular Session, 2021 HOUSE BILL 188	33
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5	By: Representatives Christiansen, Vaught, Lundstrum, Beaty Jr., Cavenaugh, Coleman, M. Gray, Hudso	n,
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 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 25	commerce or animal enterprise, including without limitation human service,	
25 26	transportation, education, competition, or exhibition. (2) As used in this section, "working animal" does not mean	
20 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	e
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.	

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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, including without limitation §
3	<u>5-62-101 et seq., and § 14-54-103.</u>
4	(d) This section does not prohibit a municipality from establishing or
5	altering an ordinance regarding animal care, public health, or public safety.
6	(e) This section supersedes a municipal ordinance, resolution, or rule
7	that conflicts with this section but does not supersede a municipal zoning
8	ordinance under § 14-56-401 et seq.
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10	/s/Christiansen
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