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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1519

5 By: Representatives Hawk, Bentley, M. Berry, Wing  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF  
9 ANIMALS; TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM ENACTING  
10 BREED-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM ENACTING  
15 BREED-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 11, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 14-54-1106. Breed-specific regulations prohibited.

24 A municipal corporation shall not regulate an animal based on the  
25 specific breed or perceived breed of the animal.  
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-19-303 is amended to read as follows:

28 20-19-303. Power of political subdivisions ~~not limited~~ – Applicability.

29 (a) This subchapter does not limit in any manner the power of any  
30 municipality or other political subdivision to prohibit dogs, cats, or other  
31 animals from running at large whether or not they have been vaccinated  
32 against rabies as provided in this subchapter.

33 (b)(1) This Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section,  
34 this subchapter does not limit in any manner the power of any municipality or  
35 other political subdivision to further control and regulate dogs, cats, or  
36 other animals in such municipality or political subdivision.



1                   (2) A municipality or other political subdivision shall not  
2 control or regulate dogs, cats, or other animals based on the specific breed  
3 or perceived breed of the animal.

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