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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1519

5 By: Representatives Hawk, Bentley, M. Berry, Wing, Puryear, Wardlaw
6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

24 14-54-1106. Breed-specific regulations prohibited.

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

29 20-19-303. Power of political subdivisions ~~not limited~~ - Applicability.

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

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



1 other animals in such municipality or political subdivision.

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

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