

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1620

By: Mize

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; guaranteeing the right to utilize working animals; prohibiting the banning of working animals; defining term; providing exception; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901 of Title 4, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The right to utilize working animals for the mutual benefit and welfare of working animals and those the working animals serve shall be guaranteed. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, no county, municipality, state agency or political subdivision shall enact or enforce any ordinance, regulation or rule that terminates, bans or effectively bans by creating undue financial hardship the job or use of working animals or a working animal enterprise. For purposes of this section, "working animal" shall mean any animal used for the purpose of performing a specific

1 duty or function in commerce or service including but not limited to
2 animals in entertainment, transportation, education, exhibition,
3 ranching or service.

4 B. This section shall not apply to any regulatory body,
5 facility or animal utilized pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing
6 Act.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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