

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 1620

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

16 A. The right to utilize working animals for the mutual benefit
17 and welfare of working animals and those the working animals serve
18 shall be guaranteed. Except as provided in subsection B of this
19 section, no county, municipality, state agency or political
20 subdivision shall enact or enforce any ordinance, regulation or rule
21 that terminates, bans or effectively bans by creating undue
22 financial hardship the job or use of working animals or a working
23 animal enterprise. For purposes of this section, "working animal"
24 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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