

1 AN ACT relating to working animals.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) For the purposes of this section, "working animal" means any animal used for*  
6 *the purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce, service,*  
7 *ranching, or animal enterprise, including but not limited to entertainment,*  
8 *transportation, education, or exhibition.*

9 *(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the right to utilize*  
10 *working animals for the mutual benefit and welfare of the animals and those they*  
11 *serve shall be guaranteed. No law, ordinance, or rule shall be enacted by any city,*  
12 *town, county, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth that*  
13 *terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by creating undue financial hardship, the*  
14 *job or use of working animals or animal enterprise in commerce, service, or*  
15 *ranching, including but not limited to entertainment, transportation, education,*  
16 *or exhibition.*

17 *(3) Nothing in this section shall alter state or federal laws or statutes that regulate*  
18 *animal care, public health, or public safety.*