

HOUSE BILL 1752

Promotes Animal Cruelty by prohibiting counties and municipalities from banning animal events that are inherently cruel such as hog-dog contests, horse tripping, bloodless bullfights or any animal event regardless of the potential cruelty inflicted upon the animals.



Endangers Public Safety by prohibiting counties and municipalities from banning animal events that poses a risk to public safety. Municipalities would even be prohibited from outlawing a “running of the bulls” if a promoter chose to conduct such an event.

Prohibits All Regulations on Working Animals that are enacted to protect the health and welfare of the animals or enacted to protect public safety if the industry believes such regulations create an “undue financial hardship” on their business.

All regulations impose some type of hardship on any industry. HB 1752 fails to define “undue financial hardship.”

This is critical since for many years the carriage horse industry contended that all current regulations were a hardship and this had been their rationale for not complying with existing regulations in the City of St. Louis.

Definition of working animal includes any animal performing a function. All domestic animals perform a function such as dogs used for the breeding of puppies and farm animals producing eggs, milk, and meat for sale in commerce. Even animals in hoarding situations perform a function for the owner of the animals by being a companion.

Eliminates zoning ordinances on dog breeding, farm animals, hoarders, and exotic animals as all of these animals are considered “working animals” under HB 1752.

Eliminates local ordinances prohibiting cruel events even if such acts of cruelty are prohibited by state law.