

HB 1907#2

Usurps Local Control by prohibiting political subdivisions from banning animal events that pose a grave risk to public health, safety, and welfare.



Prohibits political subdivisions from banning animal events that are inherently cruel such as hog-dog contests, horse tripping, bloodless bullfights or any animal event that poses a grave risk to the health and welfare of the working animal.

Prohibits all regulations on working animals that are enacted to protect public health, safety, and welfare or the health and welfare of the working animals if the industry believes such regulations interfere with their business.

This is critical since the carriage horse industry contends that all current regulations amount to a ban and this is their rationale for not complying with existing regulations in the City of St. Louis.

Definition of working animal is so broad that it includes any animal performing a function in commerce, such as dogs breeding puppies for sale, and farm animals producing eggs, milk, and meat for sale in commerce.

Eliminates zoning ordinances on dog breeding, farm animals, and exotic animals since HB 1907#2 does not allow for any prohibition on a working animal and does not allow for any regulation that might interfere or “amount to a ban” on one’s business.

Any animal that provides a “service” such as a companion animal is also defined as a working animal thus **nullifying any ordinances restricting the number of dogs or cats to prevent hoarding and nullifies ordinances restricting ownership of an exotic or dangerous animal.**

Prohibits counties from enacting health ordinances on laying hens, farrowing operations, cow-calf operations or any CAFO that houses animals producing eggs, milk, or meat for commercial sale. A CAFO would merely have to allege that such health ordinances amount to a ban on their business and they could establish operations in any county in the state. Currently, CAFOs do not operate in 18 counties in Missouri due to ordinances that are intended to protect the public health.