

LOCAL AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel Ferry

Senate Sponsor: Scott D. Sandall

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the authority of a political subdivision to enact regulations regarding animal enterprises and working animals.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms, including "animal enterprise" and "working animal"; and
- ▶ except for certain exceptions, prohibits a municipality or a county from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or other regulation that prohibits or effectively prohibits the operation of an animal enterprise or the use of a working animal.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

11-46a-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

11-46a-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **11-46a-101** is enacted to read:



28 CHAPTER 46a. ANIMAL ENTERPRISE AND WORKING ANIMAL REGULATION

29 **11-46a-101. Definitions.**

30 As used in this chapter:

31 (1) "Animal" means any nonhuman vertebrate life form.

32 (2) (a) "Animal enterprise" means a commercial or academic enterprise that uses or
33 sells animals or animal products for profit, food or fiber production, agriculture, education,
34 research, or testing.

35 (b) "Animal enterprise" includes an animal competition, aquarium, circus, exposition,
36 fair, farm, feedlot, furrier, retail pet store, ranch, rodeo, zoo, or an event intended to exhibit or
37 advance agricultural arts and sciences.

38 (3) "Political subdivision" means:

39 (a) a city, town, or metro township; or

40 (b) a county, as it relates to the licensing and regulation of an animal enterprise or
41 working animal in the unincorporated area of the county.

42 (4) "Working animal" means an animal used for performing a specific duty or function
43 in commerce, including an animal used for entertainment, transportation, education, or
44 exhibition.

45 Section 2. Section **11-46a-102** is enacted to read:

46 **11-46a-102. Limitations on animal enterprise and working animal regulations.**

47 (1) A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an ordinance or other regulation
48 that prohibits or effectively prohibits the operation of an animal enterprise or the use of a
49 working animal.

50 (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an ordinance or other regulation adopted or
51 enforced by a political subdivision if the ordinance or other regulation:

52 (a) enforces a state or federal law; or

53 (b) is a land use regulation as that term is defined in Section [10-9a-103](#) or [17-27a-103](#).