

HCS HB 1907 -- WORKING ANIMALS (Spencer)

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This bill specifies that a political subdivision may not impose an order, ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting the use of a working animal unless the use poses a reasonable threat to public health, safety, or welfare, or to the health and welfare of the animal. Each political subdivision may adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing such animals if the rules and regulations are not intended to ban the use of working animals for entertainment, transportation, or education exhibits.

No political subdivision may impose an order, ordinance, policy, or regulation prohibiting working animals on public streets unless the street, or time of day for a particular street, poses a reasonable threat to public health, safety, or welfare, or to the health and welfare of the animal. Political subdivisions may impose an order, ordinance, policy, or regulation relating to working animals in the streets except regarding mounted police officers, parades, public celebrations, and certain small horses and ponies.