

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Agriculture Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to animal health care services; amending
7 s. 474.203, F.S.; providing an exemption for independent
8 contractors who provide certain animal health care
9 services from the requirements of ch. 474, F.S., relating
10 to the practice of veterinary medicine; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 474.203, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 474.203 Exemptions.--This chapter shall not apply to:

18 (5) Any person, ~~or~~ the person's regular employee, or an
19 independent contractor under the supervision of such person
20 ~~administering to the ills or injuries of~~ her or his own animals,
21 including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and
22 dehorning of herd animals, unless title has been transferred or
23 employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law.

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24 | This exemption shall not apply to out-of-state veterinarians
25 | practicing temporarily in the state. However, only a
26 | veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases which
27 | are communicable to humans and which are of public health
28 | significance.

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30 | For the purposes of chapters 465 and 893, persons exempt
31 | pursuant to subsection (1), subsection (2), or subsection (4)
32 | are deemed to be duly licensed practitioners authorized by the
33 | laws of this state to prescribe drugs or medicinal supplies.

34 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.