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The Committee on Agriculture (Bennett) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

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

(5) Any person, or the person's regular employee, who tends administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own animals, including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and dehorning of herd animals, unless title has been transferred or employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law. This exemption extends to an independent contractor under the supervision of the animal's owner if such person does not diagnose, claim to cure, or commit animal abuse. This exemption for the owner, employee, or independent contractor extends to any person who is trained, educated, or experienced in castration, spaying, and

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1 dehorning of herd animals; acupressure; aromatherapy; animal  
2 communication; hoof care; flower-essence therapy; hands-on  
3 healing; homeopathy; light therapy; magnet therapy; animal  
4 massage; manual floating of equine teeth; or nutritional  
5 counseling if such services for the animal are under the  
6 supervision of the animal's owner. This exemption ~~does~~ shall  
7 not apply to out-of-state veterinarians practicing temporarily  
8 in the state. However, only a veterinarian may immunize or  
9 treat an animal for diseases that ~~which~~ are communicable to  
10 humans and ~~which~~ are of a public health significance.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
12 law.

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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19 and insert:

20 A bill to be entitled  
21 An act relating to animal health care services;  
22 amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch.  
23 474, F.S., related to veterinary medical  
24 practice, does not apply to an independent  
25 contractor who is under the supervision of an  
26 animal's owner under certain circumstances;  
27 providing an effective date.

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