

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senator Baker

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to animal health care services; amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch. 474, F.S., relating to veterinary medical practice, does not apply to a part-time worker or an independent contractor who is hired by the owner of an animal or a herd or flock of animals to provide certain services concerning such animal, herd, or flock; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(5)(a) Any person, or the person's regular employee, 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 shall not apply to out-of-state veterinarians practicing temporarily in the state. However, only a veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases which are communicable to humans and which are of public health significance.

(b) A person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or as an independent contractor, by the owner of an animal or a herd or flock of animals to assist with herd-management and animal-husbandry tasks for herd and flock animals, including

1 castration, dehorning, parasite control, and debeaking, or to
2 provide manual hand floating of teeth or farriery of equines.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
7 Senate Bill 1654

8 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1654 is different from
9 Senate Bill 1654 in that it:

- 10 1. Deletes certain nonmedical health care services that can
11 be performed by a part-time worker or independent
12 contractor who is hired by the owner of an animal or a
13 herd or flock of animals.
14 2. Deletes language that requires the part-time worker or
15 independent contractor to obtain an occupational license,
16 to advise the animal's owner of his or her knowledge of
17 the services provided and to refrain from advertising
18 that he or she is a veterinarian.
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