

By the Committees on Regulated Industries; Agriculture; and  
Senator Baker

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1   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to animal health care services;  
3           amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch.  
4           474, F.S., relating to veterinary medical  
5           practice, does not apply to a part-time worker  
6           or an independent contractor who is hired by  
7           the owner of an animal or a herd or flock of  
8           animals to provide certain services concerning  
9           such animal, herd, or flock; providing for  
10          retroactive application; providing an effective  
11          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)(a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,  
19          administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own  
20          animals, including, but not limited to, castration, spaying,  
21          and dehorning of herd animals, unless title has been  
22          transferred or employment provided for the purpose of  
23          circumventing this law. This exemption shall not apply to  
24          out-of-state veterinarians practicing temporarily in the  
25          state. However, only a veterinarian may immunize or treat an  
26          animal for diseases which are communicable to humans and which  
27          are of public health significance.  
28           (b) A person hired on a part-time or temporary basis,  
29          or as an independent contractor, by an owner to assist with  
30          herd management and animal husbandry tasks for herd and flock  
31          animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite control,

1 and debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or temporary  
2 basis or as an independent contractor by the owner to provide  
3 farriery and manual hand floating of teeth on equines.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
5 law and applies retroactively to January 1, 2006.

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7 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
9 CS for Senate Bill 1654

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10 The CS/CS exempts a person hired on a part-time basis or  
11 temporary basis or as an independent contractor by the owner  
12 to provide manual hand floating of teeth or farriery of  
13 equines from the provisions of the Florida Veterinary Practice  
14 Act, Ch. 474, F.S.

15 The CS/CS also deletes the reference to the term "of an animal  
16 or a herd or flock of animals" from the description of owner.

17 The CS/CS provides for retroactive application of this act to  
18 January 1, 2006.

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