

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Business Regulation 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 service providers; amending s.
7 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch. 474, F.S., relating to
8 veterinary medical practice, does not apply to a part-time
9 worker or an independent contractor who is hired by the
10 owner of an animal or a herd or flock of animals to
11 provide certain services concerning such animal, herd, or
12 flock; providing an effective date.

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

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

18 474.203 Exemptions.--This chapter shall not apply to:

19 (5) (a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,
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.

29 | (b) A person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or
30 | as an independent contractor, by an owner of an animal or a herd
31 | or flock of animals to assist with herd management, wellness,
32 | and animal-husbandry tasks for herd and flock animals, including
33 | castration, dehorning, parasite control, and debeaking, or to
34 | provide manual hand floating of teeth or ferriery of equines.

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

40 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.