

CHAMBER ACTION

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1 The State Resources Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

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6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to animal service providers; amending s.  
8 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch. 474, F.S., relating to  
9 veterinary medical practice, does not apply to a part-time  
10 worker or an independent contractor who is hired by an  
11 owner to provide certain services; providing an effective  
12 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 to assist with herd  
31 | management, wellness, and animal husbandry tasks for herd and  
32 | flock animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite  
33 | control, and debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or  
34 | temporary basis, or as an independent contractor, by an owner to  
35 | provide farriery and manual hand floating of teeth on equines.

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

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