

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to animal service providers; amending s.
3 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch. 474, F.S., relating to
4 veterinary medical practice, does not apply to a part-time
5 worker or an independent contractor who is hired by an
6 owner to provide certain services; providing for
7 retroactive effect; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 474.203, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 474.203 Exemptions.--This chapter shall not apply to:

14 (5) (a) Any person, or the person's regular employee,
15 administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own animals,
16 including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and
17 dehorning of herd animals, unless title has been transferred or
18 employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law.
19 This exemption shall not apply to out-of-state veterinarians
20 practicing temporarily in the state. However, only a
21 veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases which
22 are communicable to humans and which are of public health
23 significance.

24 (b) A person hired on a part-time or temporary basis, or
25 as an independent contractor, by an owner to assist with herd
26 management and animal husbandry tasks for herd and flock
27 animals, including castration, dehorning, parasite control, and

28 | debeaking, or a person hired on a part-time or temporary basis,
29 | or as an independent contractor, by an owner to provide farriery
30 | and manual hand floating of teeth on equines.

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

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law
37 | and shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2006.