

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1302

BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ANIMALS; AMENDING CHAPTER 35, TITLE 25, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDI-
2 TION OF A NEW SECTION 25-3514B, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTEC-
3 TION OF WORKING ANIMALS AND TO CLARIFY APPLICABILITY; AND DECLARING AN
4 EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 35, Title 25, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 25-3514B, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 25-3514B. PROTECTION OF WORKING ANIMALS. (1) The right to utilize
11 working animals for the mutual benefit and welfare of working animals and
12 those the working animals serve shall be guaranteed. No county, munic-
13 ipality, state agency, or political subdivision shall enact or enforce any
14 ordinance, regulation, or rule that is more restrictive than state law or
15 that terminates, bans, or effectively bans, by creating undue financial
16 hardship, on the job use of working animals or a working animal enterprise.
17 For purposes of this section, "working animal" means any animal used for the
18 purpose of performing a specific duty or function in commerce or service,
19 including but not limited to animals involved in hunting, entertainment,
20 including horse riding and carriage riding, transportation, education, ex-
21 hibition, agritourism, ranching, farming, logging, or service.

22 (2) This section shall not apply to cockfighting or dogfighting as pro-
23 vided for in sections 25-3506 and 25-3507, Idaho Code.

24 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
25 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
26 July 1, 2024.