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H.B. No. 135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to regulation of working animals by counties and
3 municipalities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 250, Local Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 250.009 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 250.009. WORKING ANIMAL BAN PROHIBITED. A county or
8 municipality may not adopt or enforce a charter provision,
9 ordinance, order, or other regulation that prohibits, directly or
10 indirectly, the use of an animal for the purpose of performing a
11 specific duty for a business, including entertainment,
12 transportation, education, or exhibition.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.