

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1519

By: Representatives Hawk, Bentley, M. Berry, Wing, Puryear, Wardlaw  
By: Senator K. Hammer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ANIMALS; TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM ENACTING BREED-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM ENACTING BREED-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 11, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-54-1106. Breed-specific regulations prohibited.

A municipal corporation shall not regulate an animal based on the specific breed or perceived breed of the animal.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-19-303 is amended to read as follows:

20-19-303. Power of political subdivisions ~~not limited~~ – Applicability.

(a) This subchapter does not limit in any manner the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to prohibit dogs, cats, or other animals from running at large whether or not they have been vaccinated against rabies as provided in this subchapter.

(b)(1) This Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, this subchapter does not limit in any manner the power of any municipality or other political subdivision to further control and regulate dogs, cats, or



other animals in such municipality or political subdivision.

(2) A municipality or other political subdivision shall not control or regulate dogs, cats, or other animals based on the specific breed or perceived breed of the animal.

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