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The Committee on Agriculture (Bennett) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 474.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(5) Any person, ~~or~~ the person's regular employee, or an independent contractor under the supervision of such person who is administering to the ills or injuries of her or his own animals, including, but not limited to, castration, spaying, and dehorning of herd animals, unless title has been transferred or employment provided for the purpose of circumventing this law. In addition, a horse owner may engage a farrier to provide routine hoof maintenance, equine dental technicians to provide routine hand floating of teeth, and other persons to provide hands-on healing, homeopathy, nutritional counseling, and any other therapies not considered

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1 to be the practice of veterinary medicine by the board. This  
 2 exemption does ~~shall~~ not apply to out-of-state veterinarians  
 3 practicing temporarily in the state. However, only a  
 4 veterinarian may immunize or treat an animal for diseases that  
 5 ~~which~~ are communicable to humans and ~~which~~ are of a public  
 6 health significance.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
 8 law.

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12 And the title is amended as follows:

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15 and insert:

16 A bill to be entitled  
 17 An act relating to animal health care services;  
 18 amending s. 474.203, F.S.; providing that ch.  
 19 474, F.S., related to veterinary medical  
 20 practice, does not apply to certain persons who  
 21 are under the supervision of an animal's owner  
 22 or to certain persons providing specific  
 23 services to horse owners; providing an  
 24 effective date.

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