

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 58

BY SENATOR WOMACK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ANIMALS. Provides for the identification of certain impounded animals. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2856, relative to the identification of impounded animals; to require permanent identification of certain impounded animals; to provide for recordkeeping requirements; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:2856 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2856. ~~Branding of animals impounded~~ **Identification of impounded animals**

Every **impounded** animal ~~impounded~~ shall be ~~branded with a distinctive brand, burned into the hide of the animal, which, together with a description of the animal, shall be entered on a record to be kept by the patrol and the pound keeper.~~ **permanently identified by branding, tattoo, electronic device, or other method of identification approved by the commissioner. Records of the identification method, including a description of the animal, shall be maintained by the impounding jurisdiction.**

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Lann.

	DIGEST	
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Present law requires that every impounded horse, mule, donkey, or ass be branded with a distinctive brand that is burned into the hide of the animal. Present law further requires that records of the brand and a description of the animal be kept by the patrol and the pound keeper.

Proposed law deletes the branding requirement and instead requires every impounded animal to be permanently identified by branding, tattoo, electronic device, or other method of identification approved by the commissioner.

Proposed law requires records of the identification method, including a description of the animal, to be maintained by the impounding jurisdiction.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:2856)