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Present law (C.C. Art. 3419) provides that anyone who finds a corporeal movable that has been lost is bound to make a diligent effort to locate its owner or possessor and to return the thing to him. If a diligent effort is made and the owner is not found within three years, the finder acquires ownership.

Present law (C.C. Art. 3490) provides that anyone who has possessed a movable as owner, in good faith, under an act sufficient to transfer ownership, and without interruption for three years, acquires ownership by prescription.

Proposed law requires the possessor of a domestic animal to prove that the animal, when acquired, lacked a microchip or other owner-identifying information such as a collar, rabies tag, or tattoo to claim ownership. The presence of such information creates a rebuttable presumption that the possessor has not satisfied the requirements for ownership required by present law. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Adds C.C. Art. 3419.1)