

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 95

BY SENATOR WHEAT

ANIMALS. Provides relative to strayed animals. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 3:743(B) and (C), relative to strayed animals, to provide for the possession of a strayed animal; to provide for additional notification methods; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 3:743(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§743. Strayed animals

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B. Each person who takes possession of a strayed animal which is subject to the provisions of this Part shall notify the commission by certified mail, return receipt requested **or by electronic submission through the department's website.**

The notice shall indicate the kind of animal; the color, weight, size, sex, age, brands, marks, and distinguishing features of the animal; the place where the animal is kept; and the name and address of the person holding the animal. The costs and expenses which may be charged by a person holding a strayed animal shall commence on the date the notice is mailed **or electronically submitted through the department's**

1 website to the commission.

2 C. If the commission is unable to determine the ownership of the strayed
3 animal, the commission shall notify the person holding the strayed animal who,
4 within ten days of receipt of the notice, shall cause the strayed animal to be
5 advertised and sold in accordance with ~~law~~ R.S. 3:3006.

6 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
7 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
10 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 Mary Frances Aucoin.

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Present law provides that a person who takes possession of a strayed animal must notify the Livestock Brand Commission by certified mail return receipt requested.

Present law provides that costs and expenses charged by a person holding a strayed animal will commence on the date the notice is mailed.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that notice can be made by electronic submission through the department's website and expenses will commence on the date notice is electronically submitted.

Present law provides that if the commission is unable to determine ownership within 10 days of receipt of the notice, the strayed animal will be advertised and sold in accordance with law.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that the law in which animals will be advertised and sold under is R.S. 3:3006.

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

(Amends R.S. 3:743(B) and (C))