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Abstract: Provides for liability for damages caused by livestock that escape an enclosure.

Present law provides that the owner of an animal is answerable for the damages caused by an animal upon showing that he knew or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that the animal would cause damage.

Proposed law extends present law to include livestock.

Present law provides that the owner of a dog is strictly liable for injuries caused by the dog which the owner could have prevented and which did not result from provocation of the dog.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the owner of livestock is strictly liable for damages caused by livestock that escape an enclosure, and the owner could have prevented the escape by an exercise of reasonable care.

Proposed law does not apply to a fortuitous event, cases in which the livestock escape by no fault of the owner, and third party provocation of the livestock.

(Amends C.C. Art. 2321)