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## DIGEST

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HB 784 Engrossed

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Schamerhorn

**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 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 not liable for damages for injuries to person or property for livestock that escape an enclosure due to a fortuitous event, no fault of the owner, or third party provocation of the livestock.

(Amends C.C. Art. 2321)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove reference to strict liability.
3. Specify that livestock owners are not liable for livestock that escape under certain factors listed in proposed law.