

House Bill 2470

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER

SUMMARY

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Makes livestock district and open range laws inapplicable to some bovine animals.

Provides that landowner is not required to fence against hogs or bison to make owner or possessor of hogs or bison liable for damage by trespassing animal.

Prohibits allowing bison to run on property of another. Makes violation punishable by maximum of \$90 fine.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to livestock; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 607.005, 608.510 and 608.990.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 607.005 is amended to read:

5 607.005. As used in this chapter:

6 (1) **"Cattle" does not include any animal that is 50 percent or more bison by blood.**

7 [(1)] (2) "Class of livestock" means a class, species, genus or sex of livestock, including a class,
8 species or genus of neutered livestock.

9 [(2)] (3) "Department" means the State Department of Agriculture.

10 [(3)] (4) "Federal land" means a tract of land containing 25,000 acres or more owned or admin-
11 istered by, or under the jurisdiction of, the United States and not subject to the laws of this state.

12 [(4)] (5) "Livestock" means [*animals of the bovine species*] **cattle**, horses, mules, asses, sheep,
13 goats and swine.

14 [(5)] (6) "Livestock district" means an area wherein it is unlawful for livestock or a class of
15 livestock to run at large.

16 [(6)] (7) "Open range" means an area wherein livestock may lawfully be permitted to run at
17 large.

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 608.510 is amended to read:

19 608.510. (1) **As used in this section, "bison" means an animal that is at least 50 percent**
20 **bison by blood.**

21 (2) **Notwithstanding ORS 608.015**, the owner or occupant of [*premises*] **a property** is not re-
22 quired to fence against **trespass by hogs or bison in order to hold the owner or lawful possessor**
23 **of the hogs or bison liable for damage done by the animals.**

24 (3) [*No*] **An** owner or person entitled to the possession of a hog [*shall permit it*] **or bison may**
25 **not permit the hog or bison** to run at large or upon the property of another person.

26 **SECTION 3.** ORS 608.990 is amended to read:

27 608.990. (1) Violation of ORS 608.330 is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine not exceeding \$50
28 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 10 days, or both.

29 (2) Violation of ORS 608.380 is a Class A violation.

30 (3) Violation of ORS 608.510 (3) is a Class D violation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 4.** The amendments to ORS 608.510 and 608.990 by sections 2 and 3 of this 2007
2 Act apply to hogs and bison trespassing or running at large upon the property of another
3 on or after the effective date of this 2007 Act.

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