

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 – 0 – 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Modifies definition of “estrays animal” to mean cattle or equines that are unlawfully running at large or being permitting to do so, or that are found to be trespassing on land enclosed by an adequate fence. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing a fee for determining adequacy of fencing to compensate department for reasonable costs of determination. Changes content of notice by person taking up estrays animal to eliminate statutory inconsistency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Only applies to cattle and equine because these are the only owners that pay for the program
- Majority of time dealing with estrays animals is on sheep and goats

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 3417A is designed to help reduce the overall cost of the Brand Program in order to avoid an increase in the inspection fee and continue the program.