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SUMMARY

Resolves conflict between penalty provisions regarding animal dealer failure to turn over dog or cat to owner.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to animals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 609.994.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 609.994 is amended to read:

609.994. (1) **Except as provided in ORS 609.520 (2)**, violation of ORS 609.510, 609.515 or 609.520 is a specific fine violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,000.

(2) A person has a cause of action for the recovery of compensatory damages from any person violating ORS 164.055 (1)(e), 164.085, 609.510, 609.515 or 609.520. In the action, the minimum pecuniary value of any companion animal is \$250.

(3) The circuit court for each county has the authority to enjoin any violation of ORS 609.510, 609.515 or 609.520, to issue warrants and to take such other actions as equity or justice may require.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 609.994 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to sentences for offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.