2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 582

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK AT LG: Provides for fees for impounded livestock found roaming at large

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2804(B) and 3004(B)(1), relative to fees paid to law
3	enforcement officials for securing livestock; to remove the daily rate paid to the law
4	enforcement officials to cover the cost of feeding and caring for the animal; to
5	establish a daily boarding fee; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 3:2804(B) and 3004(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8	as follows:
9	§2804. Impounding livestock found at large upon highways
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11	B. The owner or manager of livestock so impounded shall have the right to
12	secure his livestock upon the payment to the superintendent* of state police or
13	officer impounding the livestock an impoundment fee of twenty dollars per head of
14	livestock and a daily boarding fee of ten dollars for each animal. He shall also pay
15	to the officer impounding such livestock the cost of feeding and caring for such
16	livestock at the rate of two dollars per day for each animal and the cost of any
17	necessary veterinary and advertisement fees incurred
18	* * *
19	§3004. Impounding livestock found at large upon highways
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1 B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the owner of 2 livestock so taken shall have the right to secure his livestock upon the payment to the 3 officer or person taking up the livestock an impoundment fee of ten dollars for each 4 head of livestock taken and a daily boarding fee of ten dollars for each animal. He 5 shall also pay to the person taking and impounding such livestock the cost of feeding 6 and caring for such livestock at the rate of two dollars per day for each animal. 7 * * *

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Abstract: Establishes a daily boarding fee to be paid to law enforcement officials impounding livestock found roaming at large and removes the daily rate for feeding and caring for each animal.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes state police, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, and justices of the peace to impound livestock found roaming at large on specific state highways where it is prohibited by the state.

<u>Present law</u> requires the owner or manager of the livestock to pay state police or the officer impounding the livestock a fee of \$20 per head of livestock and a daily reimbursement of \$2 per animal to cover feeding and care costs.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the \$2 reimbursement and establishes a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, justices of the peace, and other persons to impound livestock roaming at large on a state highway in a ward of a parish where it has been prohibited by a local option election.

<u>Present law</u> requires the owner of the livestock to pay the officer or person impounding the livestock a fee of \$10 for each head of livestock taken and a daily reimbursement of \$2 per animal to cover feeding and care costs.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the \$2 reimbursement and establishes a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.

(Amends R.S. 3:2804(B) and 3004(B)(1))