

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), relative to fees paid to law enforcement  
3 officials for securing livestock; to remove the daily rate paid to the law enforcement  
4 officials to cover the cost of feeding and caring for the animal; to establish a daily  
5 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) 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 officer  
13 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~~

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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           (2) Except during a gubernatorially declared state of emergency, in  
 8           Vermilion Parish, the owner of livestock so taken shall have the right to secure his  
 9           livestock upon the payment to the officer or person taking up the livestock a an  
 10          impoundment fee of one hundred dollars for the first head of livestock taken and  
 11          twenty dollars for each head taken thereafter if the officer secures the livestock. He  
 12          shall also pay to the person taking and impounding such livestock ~~the cost of feeding~~  
 13          ~~and caring for such livestock at the rate of three dollars per day for each animal.~~ a  
 14          daily boarding fee of ten dollars for each animal. During a gubernatorially declared  
 15          state of emergency, the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall apply to  
 16          Vermilion Parish.

DIGEST

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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.

Present law 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.

Present law 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 rate of \$2 per animal to cover feeding and care costs.

Proposed law removes the \$2 per animal daily rate and establishes a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.

Present law 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.

Present law 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 rate of \$2 per animal to cover feeding and care costs.

Proposed law removes the \$2 per animal daily rate and establishes a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.

Present law requires the owner of livestock in Vermilion Parish to pay the officer or person impounding the livestock a fee of \$100 for the first head of livestock and \$20 per head for each additional head of livestock if the officer secures the livestock and a daily rate of \$3 per animal to cover feeding and care costs.

Proposed law removes the \$3 per animal daily rate and establishes a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.

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

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Remove the \$3 daily rate for feeding and caring for impounded livestock required in Vermilion Parish and establish a \$10 daily boarding fee for each animal.