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S.F. No. 3703 - Requiring notice of an estray

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S.F. 3703 inserts a new section into the statutes describing what a person must do if the person finds an animal that has escaped from its owner. If the person knows who owns the animal, the person must contact them within seven days and request reimbursement for any costs incurred. If the person does not know who owns the animal, the person must file a notice with the town or city clerk within ten days and post a physical or online notice of the estray finding. The bill also specifies civil liabilities should a person fail to give the notice required.

The section introduced in this bill is similar to [a section](#) that was repealed in last session's [Judiciary omnibus bill](#). The language has been updated and the requirement of a county recorder to maintain an "estrays book" is not being reinstated.