

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 3703

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02/15/2024	11600	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development

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A bill for an act
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relating to animals; requiring notice of an estray; specifying civil liabilities;
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proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 346.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **[346.021] FINDER TO GIVE NOTICE; PENALTY.**
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A person who finds an estray and knows who owns the estray must: (1) notify the estray's
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owner within seven days after finding the estray; and (2) request that the owner pay all
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reasonable charges and take the estray away. A finder who does not know who owns an
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estray must: (1) within ten days, file a notice with the town or city clerk; and (2) post a
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physical or online notice of the finding of the estray. The notice must briefly describe the
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estray or provide a photograph of the estray, provide the residence or contact information
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of the finder, and provide the approximate location and time when the finder found the
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estray. For the failure to give the notice required by this section, the finder is liable to the
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owner of the estray in double the amount of damages sustained by the owner.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2024.