

TITLE 3 Agriculture and Forestry
CHAPTER 17. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
PART I. IN GENERAL

§2361. Horses and mules which may not be sold

No person shall sell either at private sale or public auction, or offer or receive for sale any horse or mule which by reason of debility, disease, or lameness, or for any other cause could not be worked in the city in which it is offered for sale without violating the laws against cruelty to animals. This section shall apply only in cities in this state having a population of ten thousand or more.

§2362. Penalty for illegal sale

Whoever violates this Part shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months.

§2363. Sale of dyed chicks, ducklings, goslings, or rabbits; requirements for maintenance; penalties

A. No person shall sell or offer for sale any dyed chick, duckling, gosling, or rabbit.

B. Stores, shops, vendors, and others offering chicks, ducklings, goslings, or rabbits for sale, or displaying chicks, ducklings, goslings, or rabbits to the public, shall provide and operate brooders or other devices that may be necessary to maintain the chicks, ducklings, or goslings in good health, and shall make adequate food and water available to such birds or rabbits at all times.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Each day on which a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

Acts 1985, No. 760, §1.

§2364. Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission

A. For purposes of this Section, "animal" shall mean dogs and cats.

B. Creation and membership. (1) The Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission is hereby created within the office of the governor for the purpose of assisting the governor's office of community programs to ensure and promote the proper treatment and well-being of animals. The commission shall receive no direct funding from the state, but may receive incidental services from state agencies in order to carry out its purpose.

(2) Members of the commission shall serve four-year terms and shall not receive any compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Each member of the commission shall hold office until the appointment and qualification of his successor. Whenever a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner and under the same terms and conditions as required for the original appointment. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman at least quarterly and more often if necessary.

(3) The executive director of the governor's office of community programs or his designee shall be a member of the commission. Other members of the commission shall be appointed by the governor in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) One representative of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
 - (b) One small animal veterinarian, appointed at large.
 - (c) One member who is a director of a public animal control agency.
 - (d) One commercial breeder of dogs.
 - (e) Three representatives from separately operating humane societies or private animal shelters.
 - (f) One representative from the Louisiana State Police.
 - (g) One member of the public, appointed at large.
 - (h) Two representatives appointed from a list of five nominations submitted by the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association.
 - (i) One representative of the Louisiana Quarterhorse Association.
 - (j) One representative of the Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association.
- (4) The governor shall appoint the initial chairman and initial vice chairman of the commission from members appointed by the governor. Thereafter, the members shall elect the chairman and vice chairman every odd-numbered year.
- (5) The domicile of the commission shall be in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- C. Transaction of business. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business. All official actions of the commission shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the commission.
- D. Duties and functions. The commission shall have powers and duties necessary to carry out its purpose, including but not limited to the following:
- (1) To support local and municipal animal control enforcement efforts.
 - (2) To support law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty cases.
 - (3) To make recommendations concerning the care and keeping of animals.
 - (4) To coordinate a statewide voluntary pet database that will assist animal owners in recovering lost animals.
 - (5) To provide a centralized public animal information, education, and communication service.
 - (6) To formulate and implement proposals to deal with pet overpopulation.
 - (7) To make recommendations for rules and regulations, which may be adopted by parish and local authorities for the proper care and treatment of animals.
- E. Louisiana Animal Welfare Fund. (1) The commission may accept and solicit advice, services, and donations. Donations shall be remitted immediately to the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, the monies shall be deposited in the Louisiana Animal Welfare Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund", which is hereby created within the state treasury and shall be used solely to carry out the functions and duties of the Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission.
- (2) The commission shall maintain a checking account in a Louisiana licensed banking establishment for holding and distributing money that may be transferred from the fund to be used by the commission in fulfillment of its purposes. The checking account shall be entitled "Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission". It shall be held jointly in the names of the current chairman and treasurer of the commission. All checks shall require joint signatures.

(3) The treasurer of the state of Louisiana shall transfer monies from the fund upon receiving a written order signed by the chairman and treasurer of the commission. If the funds are insufficient to meet the full amount of the order, the treasurer of the state of Louisiana may transfer the remaining balance in the fund. The transfer of monies in the fund to the commission's checking account shall be made within five business days of receiving the written order.

(4) The financial records of the commission shall be maintained by the treasurer of the commission. A copy of the records, jointly certified by the treasurer and the chairman, shall be provided by the chairman to the legislative auditor for inspection within twenty business days of the close of the state's fiscal year. The legislative auditor shall report the findings of the inspection to the governor and the chairman of the commission within ninety days of receiving the certified copy of the records.

Acts 2001, No. 656, §1; Acts 2004, No. 74, §1; Acts 2004, No. 189, §1; Acts 2005, No. 248, §1, eff. June 29, 2005.

§2365. Louisiana Pet Registry

A. The Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission shall establish and maintain a voluntary registry for animals called the Louisiana Pet Registry. The current owner of any animal may register that animal with the commission.

B.(1) The registration shall include the name and address of the owner and the name and a description of the animal. If the animal has been fitted with a microchip, the registration shall also include the brand of commercial microchip and the animal's microchip identification number. If the animal is tattooed with an identification number, the registration shall include the tattoo number.

(2) The commission shall assign to each registered animal a unique identification number and provide to the owner of each registered animal a license tag bearing the identification number.

(3) The manner in which the license number is affixed to the registered animal is at the discretion of the owner.

(4) The owner of each registered animal shall notify the commission of any changes in registration information within thirty days.

C. The owner of each registered animal shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars to the commission for the registration of that animal.

D. Fees shall be paid directly to the commission and deposited into the Louisiana Animal Welfare Fund for use by the commission. The commission may waive or reduce fees if it deems necessary.

E. Applications for registration with the Louisiana Pet Registry shall be made available by the commission. The commission shall provide public notices pertaining to the registry.

Acts 2006, No. 771, §1.

PART II. CORPORATIONS FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

§2391. Agents of corporation as special police officers; compensation; aid from regular police force

Whenever, in any incorporated city or town or in any parish, a corporation for the prevention of cruelty to animals shall be organized, the mayor of the city or town and the police jury of the parish, respectively, as the case may be, shall appoint and commission as special police officers such agents as the corporation for the prevention of cruelty to animals may nominate; and agents being so commissioned shall have the usual power of policemen and peace-officers. No city, town, or parish shall be liable hereunder for any compensation to the special officers, and the police force of all incorporated cities and towns in the State shall aid any such corporation, its members or agents, in the enforcement in its respective locality of all laws enacted for the protection of dumb animals.

§2392. Municipalities to provide punishment for cruelty to animals

Municipal corporations shall provide by ordinance for the punishment of cruelty to animals, when committed in any street, park, levee, or other public place in the limits of the corporation, by fine or imprisonment, or both, as a police offense.

§2393. Corporation to receive one half of fines

Whenever a fine is imposed on any person as a penalty for violation of any law of this state or municipal ordinance respecting cruelty to animals, and the prosecution shall have been initiated, conducted, assisted, or appeared in by any officer, member, agent, or counsel of any society for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the parish where the offense is committed, incorporated under the general law of this state, one half of the fine shall be paid to the society and the receipt of its treasury shall be a full acquittance to the officer collecting the fine.

§2431. Humane society may arrange for care of animals

All officers of incorporated humane societies, in cities over twenty-five thousand and under one hundred thousand inhabitants, and all officers of the law in the cities, who are hereby made special officers of the societies, when in their judgment cruelty is being practiced towards any animal or the animal is bruised, wounded, crippled, abraded, sick, or diseased, may remove the animal whenever found to any stable designated by the humane society, for care and treatment, there to remain until sufficiently recovered to resume service.

§2432. Arrangement with stable for care of animals

Before any humane society can avail itself of the provisions of this Part, the humane society shall arrange with some stable for the care of animals and charges shall be fifty cents per day, provided however, the medical attendance shall be extra. If the society maintains its own stable the charges shall be as above set out.

§2433. Employment of veterinary

The humane society after complying with R.S. 3:2432 shall arrange with some veterinary surgeon, and agree upon a scale of uniform charges, and the society may employ the surgeons to attend any animals that in their judgment need treatment.

§2434. Stable to register animals cared for

The stable designated or owned by the humane society shall keep a special book for the purpose of registering any animal entrusted to their care under this Part, and the book shall be open to inspection at all times

§2435. Determination whether animal may leave stable

Animals removed to stables in accordance with this Part shall remain until pronounced suitable to resume service by the humane society's officer, and in case the owner of the animal disagrees with the society's officer on this point, the president of the society shall call in a veterinary surgeon, and if the officer and the surgeon cannot agree, the president shall call in a disinterested experienced person whose decision as to the condition of the animal shall be final.

§2436. Sale of animal on owner's failure to pay for treatment

After the animal has been cared for and treated the owner of the stable as well as the veterinary treating the animal, shall notify the president of the society by sending a statement of their charges, and the president of the society shall cause a registered notice to be sent to the owner of the animal, apprising him of the fact that the animal is ready to resume service and advising him as to the amount of the charges. Should the owner not take the animal and pay the charges within five days after the receipt of the notice the society may sell the animal at public auction in the manner now provided by law for judicial sales; the excess of the charges and expenses shall go to the owner of the animal.

§2437. Liability of society to stable or veterinary; privilege upon animals

The humane society shall be liable to the stable or veterinary for their expenses and services under this Part, but only as per the scale of charges agreed upon, and the society may remove the animals and change surgeons at its pleasure. A privilege is created upon all animals treated as above set out, in favor of the humane society, and it shall be superior to any other privilege on the animals.

§2438. Opportunity to owner to treat animal if proper treatment is given

No officer of any humane society, or other officer, shall remove any animal to their stable or one designated by them, or to engage any veterinary to treat any animals as provided herein, without first giving the owner the privilege of removing the animal to his own stable or a stable designated by him; the owner may furnish his own treatment or veterinary surgeon, at all times, but the officer of

the humane society may inspect the animal at all times, and if in his opinion the treatment accorded the animal is not proper or beneficial, the officer may place him in the society's stable or designated stable and under the care of their own surgeon as herein above set out. Should there be a disagreement as to the merits of the treatment of the animal it shall be decided as set out in R.S. 3:2435.

§2439. Court review of humane society's treatment of animal; damages limited to costs

Any person feeling himself aggrieved at the action of the humane society or its officers may try the issues before a court of competent jurisdiction, but the issues meant herein shall only be as to whether the animal's condition is such as to warrant action by the society or whether the animal is in condition to be used, before or after treatment, or whether the treatment accorded the animal by the owner, as set out in R.S. 3:2438 is proper or beneficial; no damages except the actual court costs shall be assessed against the society.

§2440. Resisting officers; penalty

Whoever resists the officers empowered herein, in carrying out the provisions of this Part, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, or imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty-five days, or both.

PART IV. ABANDONED ANIMALS

§2451. Short title

This Part may be referred to as the Louisiana Abandoned Animals Act. Added by Acts 1978, No. 692, §1.

§2452. Abandoned animals

A. An animal shall be considered abandoned when the owner thereof has not paid the charge for veterinarian services, including medical, or for boarding, within ten days after rendition to the owner of the invoice for such services or boarding and no other agreement with the owner has been reached for the payment of such charge for services or boarding. The person to whom the charges are due may then give notice, as provided in R.S. 3:2453.

B. The owner of an abandoned animal shall be deemed to have relinquished all rights and claims to such animal by virtue of such abandonment, except as provided in R.S. 3:2454(B).

Added by Acts 1978, No. 692, §1; Acts 1997, No. 976, §1.

§2453. Notice requirements; freedom from liability

A. The notice required in R.S. 3:2452(A) above shall be given to the owner of the animal or the owner's agent at his last known address by registered mail or by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain a statement that if the animal is not claimed within ten days after receipt of the notice, the animal may be

sold, donated, turned over to the nearest humane society or dog pound, or otherwise disposed of as the person having custody of the animal may deem proper.

B. In the event that the notice described in Subsection A cannot be delivered for any reason, or in the event that such notice is returned as "refused", "addressee unknown", "not at this address", or other similar designation, then the animal may be sold, donated, turned over to the nearest humane society or animal control agency, or otherwise disposed of as the person having custody of the animal may deem proper.

C. The receipt of notice by the owner or his agent, or the return as "refused", "addressee unknown", "not at this address", or other similar designation, whichever is applicable, shall relieve the custodian of any liability for the sale, donation, euthanasia, or other disposal of the animal.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 692, §1; Acts 1997, No. 976, §1.

§2454. Sale or disposal of animal; disposition of sale proceeds

A. If, in accordance with the notice, the animal is sold at public or private sale, the proceeds shall be applied to the amount, if any, due the custodian for any goods or services furnished to the animal, including all reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale. The balance, if any, shall be paid to the owner of the animal, and the custodian shall retain the right to proceed against the owner for any deficiency.

B. Prior to the time of sale of such animal or transfer thereof to the nearest humane society or animal control agency, or other disposal thereof, any person claiming the right of property or possession of such animal may pay the amount necessary to satisfy the charges for services rendered to the animal, or on behalf of the animal, including all reasonable charges of notice and sale. Upon payment of this amount, the animal shall be delivered to the person making the demand, if he is entitled to possession. Otherwise the animal shall be retained according to the terms of the notice, and shall be sold, or otherwise disposed of.

Added by Acts 1978, No. 692, §1; Acts 1997, No. 976, §1.

PART V. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS

§2461. Authority of parish governing authorities to adopt Part

In addition to and supplemental with any other authority granted to parish governing authorities by law, a parish governing authority may adopt an ordinance establishing minimum standards for animal shelters within the parish consistent with the provisions of this Part.

Acts 1985, No. 806, §1, eff. July 22, 1985.

§2462. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

(1) "Animal shelter" means any building, structure, site, enclosure or other facility used or operated for the housing or keeping of any stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted animals including any facility designated by the parish governing authority, for the keeping or housing of any impounded animals.

(2) "Cruelty" means every act or failure to act whereby unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted.

(3) "Euthanasia" means the act of inducing a painless death upon an animal in a humane manner.

(4) "Person" means an individual, corporation, or association.

(5) "Primary enclosure" means any structure used to immediately restrict an animal or animals to a limited amount of space, such as a room, pen, run, cage, compartment, or hutch.

Acts 1985, No. 806, §1, eff. July 22, 1985.

§2463. General shelter standards

A. Shelters shall be open for redemption and adoption of animals during posted or normal business hours. Hours of operation and emergency telephone number shall be prominently displayed.

B. Sewage disposal of waste matter shall comply with existing parish and state codes for sanitation.

C. Shelters shall be inspected at least once every six months by an authorized representative of the parish to determine compliance with the requirements of this Part. Additional inspections shall be made promptly upon receipt of a bonafide complaint.

D. Fees must be visibly posted and registered with the parish governing authority.

E. Shelter personnel should be trained as to animal health, disease control, humane care and treatment, animal control and transportation of animals. Shelter workers shall be fundamentally humane, shall be able to identify and understand the principal animal diseases and injuries, and should have good judgment and even temperament.

Acts 1985, No. 806, §1, eff. July 22, 1985.

§2464. Shelter construction

A. Floors and walls of animal holding areas shall be constructed of smooth, moisture impervious material and shall be accessible for cleaning.

B. All animal holding areas shall be sloped to a drain connected to a sanitary sewer or an approved individual sewerage system.

C. Rabies quarantine kennels shall be constructed such that they are isolated from all other kennels.

D. All animal rooms must have operable floor drains.

E. Facilities, general.

(1) Structural strength. Housing facilities for dogs or cats shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair, to protect the animal from injury, to contain the animals, and to restrict the entrance of other animals.

(2) Water and electric power. Reliable and adequate electric power, if required to comply with other provisions of this Part, and adequate potable water shall be available.

(3) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against infestation or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

(4) Waste disposal. Provisions shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestations, odors, and disease hazards.

(5) Washrooms and sinks. Facilities, such as washrooms, basins, or sinks, shall be provided to maintain cleanliness among animal caretakers.

F. Facilities, indoor.

(1) Heating. Indoor housing facilities for dogs or cats shall be sufficiently heated when necessary to protect the dogs or cats from cold, and to provide for their health and comfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below fifty degrees Fahrenheit for dogs and cats not acclimated to lower temperatures.

(2) Ventilation. Indoor housing facilities for dogs or cats shall be adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. Such facilities shall be provided with fresh air either by means of windows, doors, vents, or air conditioning and shall be ventilated so as to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation. Auxiliary ventilation, such as exhaust fans and vents of air conditioning, shall be provided when the ambient temperature is eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

(3) Lighting. Indoor housing facilities for dogs or cats shall have ample light, by natural or artificial means, or both, of good quality and well distributed. Such lighting shall provide uniformly distributed illumination of sufficient light intensity to permit routine inspection and cleaning during the entire working period. Primary enclosures shall be so placed as to protect the dogs and cats from excessive illumination.

(4) Interior surfaces. The interior building surfaces of indoor housing facilities shall be constructed and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily sanitized.

(5) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water from indoor housing facilities. If drains are used, they shall be properly constructed and kept in good repair to avoid foul odors therefrom. If closed drainage systems are used, they shall be equipped with traps and so installed as to prevent any backup of sewage onto the floor of the room.

G. Facilities, outdoor.

(1) Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort, sufficient shade shall be provided to allow all dogs and cats kept outdoors to protect themselves from the direct rays of the sun.

(2) Shelter from rain or snow. Dogs and cats kept outdoors shall be provided with access to shelter to allow them to remain dry during rain or snow.

(3) Shelter from cold weather. Shelter shall be provided for all dogs and cats kept outdoors when the atmospheric temperature falls below fifty degrees Fahrenheit. Sufficient clean bedding material or other means of protection from the weather elements shall be provided when the ambient temperature falls below that temperature to which a dog or cat is acclimated.

(4) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water.

H. Primary enclosures for dogs and cats shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the dogs and cats from injury, to contain them, and to keep predators out.

(2) Primary enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to enable the dogs and cats to remain dry and clean.

(3) Primary enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so that the dogs and cats will have convenient access to clean food and water as required in this Part.

(4) The floors of primary enclosures shall be constructed so as to protect the dogs' and cats' feet and legs from injury.

(5) Primary enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each dog and cat to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable, normal position.

(6) Primary enclosures for housing cats which have a solid floor shall contain a receptacle with sufficient clean litter to contain excreta.

(7) Primary enclosures for housing cats shall be provided with a solid resting surface or surfaces which, in the aggregate, shall be of adequate size to comfortably hold all of the occupants of the primary enclosure at the same time. The resting surface or surfaces shall be elevated in primary enclosures housing two or more cats.

(8) Primary enclosures for housing cats shall provide a minimum of two and one-half square feet of floor space per cat.

(9) Primary enclosures for housing dogs shall provide a minimum floor space for each dog equal to the mathematical square of the sum of the length of the dog in inches, as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail, plus six inches expressed in square feet. This requirement shall be computed as follows: (length of dog in inches plus six inches) times (length of dog in inches plus six

inches) divided by one hundred forty-four inches equals minimum square footage per dog.

(10) No more than twelve adult dogs shall be housed in the same primary enclosure.

(11) Dog houses with chains. If dog houses with chains are used as primary enclosures for dogs kept outdoors, the chains used shall be so placed or attached that they cannot become entangled with the chains of other dogs or any other objects. Such chains shall be of a type commonly used for the size dog involved and shall be attached to the dog by means of a well-fitted collar. Such chains shall be at least three times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail and shall allow the dog convenient access to the dog house.

I. All animal cages or holding pens shall allow sufficient room for all animals to lie down, turn around, stand, or sit in a normal position.

J. Adequate office space for record keeping shall be provided and maintained.

K. A receiving area shall be provided for the public to bring in, reclaim, or adopt animals.

L. A room and table shall be provided for euthanasia and for holding carcasses.

M. Each shelter shall have running hot water (at least one hundred eighty degrees Fahrenheit) and cold water available for cleaning at all times.

N. Self-feeders, if used, shall be mounted so animals cannot urinate or defecate in them.

O. Animals housed in primary enclosures with wire floors shall be provided a solid resting platform constructed of a smooth surface and moisture impervious material.

Acts 1985, No. 806, §1, eff. July 22, 1985.

§2465. Operating procedures

A. Separation of animals:

(1) Dogs shall be separated from cats.

(2) Sick animals shall be separated from healthy animals.

(3) Puppies and kittens must be separated from adult animals unless nursing.

(4) Unneutered males shall be separated from females.

(5) Injured animals shall be separated from uninjured animals.

(6) Animals involved in bite or scratch cases shall be separated from all other animals with a maximum of one such animal per cage.

(7) Nursing mothers with litter shall be separated from all other animals.

B. Animal care:

(1) All dogs over three months of age shall be fed at least once daily; providing at least one-half pound of food per twenty-five pounds of bodyweight

per dog. All dogs under three months shall have appropriate dry food available at all times or be fed a minimum of three times per day.

(2) All kittens and adult cats shall have appropriate dry or semi-moist food available at all times.

(3) Clean, fresh water shall be available at all times for all animals.

(4) Animals other than dogs and cats shall be fed and watered as required by the species.

(5) Each animal shall be observed daily for sickness, disease, injury, abnormal behavior, external parasites, or lameness by the animal caretaker in charge, or by someone under his direct supervision.

(6) Any ill or injured animal shall be isolated and made as comfortable as possible until veterinary care is obtained or the animal is euthanized if in legal compliance.

(7) Any dead animals shall be removed from kennel area and immediately and properly disposed of.

(8) The following procedures shall be performed daily:

(a) Isolate animals prior to cleaning so that no animal is exposed to water and/or disinfectant while cleaning.

(b) Pick up droppings and dispose of properly.

(c) Disinfect floor and wash down animal holding areas with water under pressure.

(d) All standing water shall be removed before returning animals.

(e) Provide fresh food and water.

(f) Clean cat litter boxes (replace cat litter at least weekly).

(g) Clean gutters and check drains.

(h) Clean aisles, floors, sinks, and kitchen.

(i) Clean inside area of debris, trash, and dirt.

(j) Shelter grounds shall be kept mowed and free of standing water, trash, and debris.

(k) Clean beds and resting boards.

(l) Wash food and water dishes with hot soapy water and cleanse with water to remove disinfectant or soap.

C. Euthanasia:

(1) Euthanasia methods and procedures must conform with recommendations outlined in the report of the American Veterinary Medical Association on Euthanasia, dated July 1, 1978, or as revised.

(2) Euthanasia personnel shall attend the Humane Society of the United States Academy on Euthanasia or an equivalent program within one year of date of employment.

D. Records:

(1) A record shall be prepared for every animal that enters the shelter and shall include description of animal; veterinary treatment; length of time held; fees collected; and date euthanized, died, reclaimed, or adopted.

(2) Daily receipts for donations, animal impoundment fees, and adoptions shall be permanently recorded and filed.

(3) Records shall be available for inspection at all times.

Acts 1985, No. 806, §1, eff. July 22, 1985.

PART VI. PET OVERPOPULATION CONTROL

§2471. Definitions

As used in this Part the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

(1) "Adopter" means a person who is legally competent to enter into a contract and who is adopting or buying a dog or cat from a releasing agency.

(2) "Adult animal" means any dog or cat that has reached the age of one hundred eighty days or six months or more.

(3) "Releasing agency" means an animal pound, shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency, whether public or private. The term does not include an individual who occasionally renders humane assistance or shelter in the individual's home to a dog or cat.

(4) "Sterilization" means the surgical removal of the reproductive organs of a dog or cat in order to render the animal unable to reproduce.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990.

§2472. Sterilization required

A. Provisions shall be made for the sterilization of all dogs and cats sold or released for adoption or purchased from any public or private animal shelter or animal control agency operated by a humane society or by a parish, city, or other political subdivision by either:

(1) Providing sterilization by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian before relinquishing custody of the animal.

(2) Entering into a written agreement with the adopter or purchaser guaranteeing that sterilization will be performed by a Louisiana licensed veterinarian in compliance with a sterilization agreement that shall contain the following information:

(a) The date of the agreement.

(b) The name, address, and signature of the releasing agency and the adopter.

(c) A description of the animal to be adopted.

(d) A sterilization completion date which shall be either:

(i) The thirtieth day after the date of adoption in the case of an adult animal.

(ii) The thirtieth day after a specified date estimated to be the date an adopted infant female or male puppy or kitten becomes six months of age.

(iii) If the releasing agency has a written policy recommending sterilization of certain infant animals at an earlier date, the thirtieth day after the date contained in the written policy.

(e) A statement, printed in conspicuous bold print, that sterilization of the animal is required under R.S. 3:2472.

B. Except as provided by this Subsection, an adopter that signs an agreement under R.S. 3:2472(A)(2) shall have the adopted animal sterilized on or before the sterilization date stated in the agreement. If the sterilization completion date stated in the agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline shall be extended to the first day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The releasing agency may extend the deadline for thirty days on the presentation of a letter or telephone report from a Louisiana licensed veterinarian stating that the life or health of the adopted animal may be jeopardized by sterilization. There shall be no limit to the number of extensions that may be granted for this reason.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990.

§2473. Adoption standards

A. Each releasing agency shall agree to give title, possession, and control of the animal as long as the adopter complies with the terms and conditions of the agreement as set forth in R.S. 3:2472.

B. Failure by either party to comply with any provision of the adoption agreement as set forth in R.S. 3:2472 may give rise to a cause of action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990.

§2474. Confirmation of sterilization

The releasing agency shall consider the animal sterilized upon receipt of written confirmation signed by the Louisiana licensed veterinarian who performed the sterilization.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990

§2475. Exceptions

A. The sterilization requirements of this Part do not apply to a dog or cat that is claimed from a releasing agency by a person who already owns the animal.

B. This Part does not apply to a releasing agency located in a municipality that has in effect an ordinance providing standards for dog and cat sterilization that exceed the requirements of this Part.

C. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to animals sold or released from any humane society, public or private shelter, or animal control agency to the United States armed forces, police or other law enforcement agencies, licensed veterinary facilities, or to licensed medical facilities.

D. The sterilization requirements of this Part do not apply to a dog or cat that is claimed by an adopter who executes a written agreement obligating the adopter to care for the adopted dog or cat and all of its offspring and pays the fee set by the releasing agency, which fee shall be in addition to the set adoption fee. Failure of the adopter to comply with the written agreement may give rise to a cause of action in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990.

§2476. Fees

All costs of sterilization pursuant to this Part shall be paid by the prospective adopter or purchaser, unless otherwise provided.

Acts 1990, No. 567, §1, eff. July 19, 1990.

PART VII. ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY OFFICERS

§2501. Animal control agency control officers; applicable parishes; P.O.S.T. certification; commissions; powers

A. Any animal control agency maintained by a parish governing authority described in Subsection B of this Section shall be authorized to commission such animal control officers as provided in Subsection B of this Section as animal control investigators or specialists of the agency who, if P.O.S.T. certified, shall exercise regular police powers of the state granted to law enforcement officers. Any such investigator or specialist shall be empowered to enforce all animal-related crimes defined by ordinance or state law including but not limited to animals at large, animal cruelty, dog fighting, animal theft, or any law or ordinance governing animal disease control.

B. The commissioning of animal control officers designated in Subsection A of this Section shall be applicable only to those parishes who maintain animal control agencies with a population of over one hundred thousand, according to the most recent federal decennial census as follows, subject to the following limitations:

(1) An animal control agency maintained by the parish governing authority in a parish with a population of over one hundred thousand, according to the most recent federal decennial census, but less than two hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, may commission one animal control officer.

(2) An animal control agency in a parish with a population of over two hundred thousand, according to the most recent federal decennial census but less than three hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census, may commission two animal control officers.

(3) An animal control agency in a parish with a population of over three hundred thousand according to the most recent federal decennial census may commission three animal control officers.

C. Any officer designated in Subsection A of this Section who has met the qualifications of P.O.S.T. and was P.O.S.T. certified on or after January 1, 2000, and has maintained firearm qualifications and worked continuously for an animal control agency designated in Subsection B of this Section shall be deemed to be P.O.S.T. certified.

Acts 2006, No. 807, §1.

CHAPTER 18. ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE
PART I. MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK
RUNNING AT LARGE

§2531. Municipalities authorized to prohibit livestock from running at large

All cities and towns having a population of more than one thousand, and all towns and villages in this state having a population of one thousand or less and situated within three miles of the corporate limits of any city having a population of twenty-five thousand or more, may regulate, restrict, and prohibit by proper ordinances, the running at large of livestock of all kinds within the corporate limits of the cities, towns, and villages; establish impounding pens and yards, and employ pound keepers; fix impounding fees and charges; and provide for the sale or disposition of impounded animals or stock.

§2532. Livestock running at large in municipalities not having one thousand inhabitants

All municipalities within this State having less than one thousand inhabitants and not provided for in R.S. 3:2531 may prohibit by ordinance the running at large of any and all kinds of livestock within the corporate limits of such municipalities, provided the questions shall have first been submitted to the voters qualified by law to vote at municipal elections within the municipality proposing to adopt such an ordinance and the voters at an election shall have authorized the adoption of the ordinance by a majority vote

§2533. Special election on whether to restrain livestock

The governing authority of any municipality having less than one thousand inhabitants, and not provided for in R.S. 3:2531, desiring to adopt such an ordinance may order a special election to be held within the municipality at which the question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the municipality, to hold the election as now provided by law, and to canvass and promulgate the returns thereof.

§2534. Adoption of ordinance

If at a special election a majority of the voters of the municipality vote in favor of the enactment of such an ordinance, the governing authority of the municipality may adopt such an ordinance and provide proper penalties, including the impounding of livestock and the appointment of pound keepers, and to secure the enforcement of the ordinance.

§2535. General powers of municipality unaffected

Nothing herein contained shall limit in any manner other powers granted to municipalities to prohibit the running at large of livestock within the corporate limits.

PART II. LIVESTOCK ON LEVEES

§2571. Livestock allowed on levees; conditions

A. Horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, or livestock of any description may go on the levees, or the space between the base of the levees and the draining ditch at any time, except where, in the judgment of the levee commissioners of a district and the office of public works, damage would occur to the levees from exposure to wear, tear, and abuse.

B. In cases where the water is against the levee on both sides, that is, where the grounds on the river and land side are both covered with water, people living in the vicinity may put stock on these levees temporarily.

Acts 1995, No. 385, §1.

§2572. Impounding livestock; sale if not redeemed

The levee commissioners of a district and the office of public works may impound or cause to be impounded any horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, or other livestock of any description found violating this Part, and hold them impounded until the owner of the livestock shall redeem them by paying the expenses of impounding and keeping the stock. In case the stock is not redeemed from impoundment within eight days of notification to the owner of the impoundment and pending sale, then it shall be the duty of the constable to proceed to the place of impounding, and there, without previous advertisement, sell the animals thus impounded for cash to the highest bidder, except that in the cases of horses and mules, they shall be disposed of as is now provided by law in the several parishes for estrays.

Acts 1995, No. 385, §1

§2573. Fees and costs

The fees and costs under this Part shall be as follows except for sheep and goats: for impounding, one dollar; for keeping, fifty cents per head, for each day the stock are kept by the impounder or keeper; for making the sale, fifty cents per head for each animal sold; for proceeding, as in case of estrays, such costs as are now allowed by law in cases of estrays in the several parishes. For sheep and goats the charge for impounding shall be ten cents per head; for keeping, five cents per head for each day; for making the sale, ten cents per head

§2574. Proceeds of sale insufficient to pay costs

In case proceeds of the sale are not sufficient to pay all costs, they shall be paid pro rata.

§2575. Impounded animals, release of prohibited; penalty

No person shall by force, threats, or fraud release any animal impounded under the provisions of R.S. 3:2572.

Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.

PART III. DOGS HARASSING OR INJURING LIVESTOCK
SUBPART A. LIABILITY OF OWNER OF DOG

§2651. Definitions

As used in this Part, "livestock" means any animal bred, kept, maintained, raised, or used for show, profit, or for the purpose of selling or otherwise producing crops, animals, or plant or animal products for market. The term "livestock" shall include cattle, buffalo, bison, oxen, and other bovine; horses, mules, donkeys, and other equine; sheep; goats; swine; domestic rabbits; fish, pet turtles, and other animals identified with aquaculture that are located in artificial reservoirs or enclosures that are both on privately owned property and constructed so as to prevent, at all times, the ingress and egress of fish life from public waters; imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, farm-raised white tailed deer, farm-raised ratites and other farm-raised exotic animals; chickens, turkeys, and other poultry; and animals placed under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry and any hybrid, mixture, or mutation of any such animal.

Acts 2003, No. 4, §1, eff. May 8, 2003.

§2652. Liability for injury to livestock caused by dog

Any owner, harborer, or possessor of any dog that kills, harasses, or wounds livestock shall be liable to the owner of the livestock for the damages sustained, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Acts 2003, No. 4, §1, eff. May 8, 2003.

§2653. Unnecessary to prove knowledge that dog would injure livestock

In the prosecution of actions under this Subpart, it shall not be necessary for the plaintiff to show that the owner, harborer, or possessor of the dog had knowledge of the fact that the animal would kill, harass, or wound livestock.

Acts 2003, No. 4, §1, eff. May 8, 2003.

§2654. Right to kill dog harassing livestock

Any person finding any dog not on the premises of its owner, harborer, or possessor, which is harassing, wounding, or killing livestock, may, at the time of finding the dog, kill him, and the owner shall not be able to sustain any action for damages against the person killing the dog.

Acts 2003, No. 4, §1, eff. May 8, 2003.

SUBPART B. AUTHORITY OF POLICE JURY TO
PROTECT LIVESTOCK

§2691. Police juries authorized to protect livestock

The police juries of the different parishes may enact such ordinances as they in their discretion deem necessary for the protection of the livestock industries in their respective parishes.

Acts 2003, No. 4, §1, eff. May 8, 2003.

PART IV. DOGS--REGULATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

§2731. Parishes and municipalities may regulate

The governing bodies of all parishes and municipalities may levy and collect annual per capita license taxes on all dogs, enact ordinances for the regulation of dogs running at large, and maintain pounds for the impounding of dogs.

§2733. Payment of license tax; dogs entitled to protection of law

Where a license tax has been imposed in accordance with R.S. 3:2731, no owner of a dog is entitled to have his dog protected by law unless the tax has been paid.

§2734. Disposition of license fees and penalties

Except as provided in R.S. 3:2736 the license fees and penalties collected under authority of this Part shall, after payment of the necessary costs of collection and the costs of operating pounds, be deposited to the credit of the respective parish school funds.

§2735. Home rule charter governments of over four hundred twenty-five thousand

Nothing contained in this Part shall be construed to prevent the governing authority of a municipality or parish operating under a home rule charter with a population greater than four hundred twenty-five thousand according to the latest federal decennial census from adopting ordinances regulating dogs running at large; regulating or prohibiting vicious or dangerous dogs; or to limit the enforcement of said ordinances or the imposition of fees and fines thereunder; however, in no event shall such ordinances impose fees or fines less than those imposed under this Part.

Acts 2003, No. 133, §1, eff. May 28, 2003.

§2736. Disposition of license fees in home rule charter governments of over four hundred twenty-five thousand

Nothing contained in this Part shall be construed to prevent or otherwise limit the governing authority of a municipality or parish operating under a home rule charter with a population greater than four hundred twenty-five thousand according to the latest federal decennial census from utilizing the proceeds of dog and cat license fees and fines for the operation of its animal control program or for the effective enforcement of its animal control ordinances; however, in no event shall such fees or fines be less than those imposed under this Part.

Acts 1992, No. 130, §1; Acts 2003, No. 133, §1, eff. May 28, 2003.

§2737. Police officer to assist commission

Each of the said cities shall furnish to the commission police officers who shall accompany the representative of the commission in the enforcement of this law.

PART V. DOG LICENSE TAX

§2771. Dogs not to run at large

No person shall suffer or permit any dog in his possession, or kept by him about his premises, to run at large on any unenclosed land, or trespass upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands of another.

§2772. Dog, cat, and kennel licenses fee and certificate; records

A. Each parish or municipality that levies a license fee on dogs and cats shall issue a metallic license tag to each dog or cat owner who applies therefor and pays the dog or cat license fee imposed by the issuing parish or municipality. The license tag shall contain a license number, the name of the issuing body and the calendar year for which such tag is issued. The tag shall be fastened upon the collar worn by the dog or cat owned or kept by such person. A license certificate shall also be issued for such license fee showing the name and address of the owner, a description of the dog or cat by sex and color, the breed of the dog or cat if known, and the year and number of the license tag. A record of all such information shall be kept by the issuing authority which shall be open to the public during regular business hours.

B. The governing body of each municipality or parish may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for the dog or cat license fee, which sum shall not be more than eight dollars for each spayed or neutered dog or cat and not more than sixteen dollars for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat. However, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality or parish with a population in excess of four hundred seventy-five thousand persons may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for the dog or cat license fee, which sum shall not be more than eight dollars for each spayed or neutered dog or cat and not more than sixteen dollars for each unspayed or unneutered dog or cat and any such funds derived from said license fee shall be dedicated solely for the capture, control, and housing of stray animals.

C. For the purposes of this Section, a dog or cat shall be considered spayed or neutered whenever any of the following is applicable:

(1) Upon presentation of a certificate issued by any licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or cat, if female, was made incapable of producing young by spaying by the veterinarian, or, the dog or cat, if male, was made incapable of producing young by sterilization by the veterinarian.

(2) Upon examination by a licensed veterinarian any dog or cat, whether male or female, is certified by the veterinarian to be incapable of producing young.

(3) If the dog or cat has been previously licensed as a spayed or neutered dog or cat.

D. Dogs used as guides for blind persons and commonly known as "seeing-eye" dogs or dogs used to assist deaf persons and commonly known as "hearing-ear" dogs, may be licensed as other dogs herein provided for, except that the owner or keeper of such dog shall not be required to pay any fee therefor.

E. The owner or keeper of five or more dogs may procure a kennel license and pay a kennel license fee in lieu of the individual dog licenses and license fees provided for herein. The governing body of each municipality or parish may, by ordinance, fix the sum to be paid annually for the kennel license fee, which sum shall not be more than:

(1) Fifteen dollars if no more than five dogs over the age of six months are harbored on the owner's premises at the time of the application.

(2) Twenty-five dollars if more than five dogs but no more than ten dogs over the age of six months are harbored on the owner's premises at the time of the application.

(3) Thirty dollars if more than ten dogs over the age of six months are harbored on the owner's premises at the time of the application.

A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary clinic shall be exempt from this provision in the conduct of their regular business.

F. Upon the issuance of a kennel license, the owner shall be furnished a number of license tags equal to the number of dogs harbored on the owner's premises. All of the provisions contained in Subsection (A) of this Section with regard to issuance of license tag, license certificates and the keeping of records shall also apply to kennel licenses.

Amended by Acts 1982, No. 101, §1, eff. July 11, 1982; Acts 1991, No. 940, §1.

§2773. Dogs as personal property; seizure of dogs running at large or on property fenced as a fox pen; notice to owner; dangerous or vicious dogs

A. Dogs owned by citizens of this state and by citizens of other states and situated and located in this state are declared to be personal property of such citizens.

B. Any citizen may, or the sheriff, constable, or other police officers of any parish, ward, or municipality shall seize any dog found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at large on any road, street, or other public place, or trespassing on any premises other than the premises of the owner. If the dog is wearing a collar bearing a tag showing the name and address of its owner, it shall be impounded and the citizen or officer so seizing and impounding the dog shall immediately thereafter by written notice notify the owner of the dog, at the address disclosed by the tag on the dog's collar, that the dog has been seized and

impounded by him, and unless the owner or keeper of the dog shall, within seven days from the receipt of the notice, claim the dog and pay the citizen or officer a fee of one dollar for seizing and a fee of twenty-five cents for each day it is impounded, it shall be disposed of in a humane manner.

C. Except in the parishes of St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington, any citizen may, or the sheriff, constable, or other police officers of any parish, ward, or municipality shall, seize any dog found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and trespassing on any premises that is fenced with at least a two-inch by four-inch wire mesh that is a minimum of four feet high. If the dog is wearing a collar bearing a tag showing the name and address of its owner, it shall be impounded and the citizen or officer so seizing and impounding the dog shall immediately thereafter, by written notice, notify the owner of the dog, at the address disclosed by the tag on the collar of the dog, that the dog has been seized and impounded by him, and unless the owner or keeper of the dog shall, within seven days from receipt of the notice, claim the dog and pay a seizing fee of twenty dollars and an impoundment fee of one dollar for each day it is impounded, it shall be disposed of in a humane manner. Ten dollars of the seizing fee shall be paid to the law enforcement agency called upon to seize the dog. The remainder of the seizing fee shall be donated to a recognized nonprofit conservation group. This Subsection shall apply only to fox pens.

D. Any citizen or officer may kill any dangerous or vicious dog, and no citizen or officer shall be liable for damages or to prosecution by reason of killing any dangerous or vicious dog.

Amended by Acts 1950, No. 231, §1; Acts 1992, No. 1131, §1.

§2774. Parishes to provide animal facilities

Each parish shall provide suitable shelters or facilities for dogs seized under the provisions of this Part.

Acts 2003, No. 133, §1, eff. May 28, 2003.

§2775. Use of dogs for hunting

Nothing in this Part shall prevent any citizen of this state from lawfully hunting with a dog, provided the dog is accompanied by the owner or keeper.

§2776. Time for paying dog license tax

All license taxes on dogs are due annually on the anniversary date of the administration of the rabies vaccination; provided that as soon as a dog becomes no more than six months of age the owner of the dog shall be liable to pay the license tax for the year in which the dog reaches such age.

Acts 1992, No. 131, §1.

§2777. Penalty for violating this Part or disturbing dog's collar or license tax tag

Whoever violates any provision of this Part, or fails or neglects to perform any duty imposed by it, shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and the cost of prosecution, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Whoever removes from any dog a collar bearing a license tax tag as provided for in this Part, or alters or removes any such license tax tag from a dog properly registered as herein provided for, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars and the cost of the prosecution, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

§2778. Home rule charter governments

Nothing contained in this Part shall be construed to prevent or otherwise limit the governing authority of a municipality or parish operating under a home rule charter with a population greater than four hundred twenty-five thousand according to the latest federal decennial census from setting fees and fines in amounts sufficient for the operation of its animal control program or for the effective enforcement of its animal control ordinances; however, in no event shall such fees or fines be less than those imposed under this Part.

Acts 2003, No. 133, §1, eff. May 28, 2003.

PART VI. STOCK AT LARGE ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

SUBPART A. IN GENERAL

§2801. Legislative findings

There is hereby found and declared a necessity for a stock law embracing certain public highways of the state of Louisiana and necessity that its application be uniform throughout the state.

Added by Stats.1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1.

§2802. Definitions

As used in this Subpart, the following terms are defined as follows:

(1) "Livestock" means any animal, hybrid, mixture, or mutation of the species of horses, mules, donkeys, asses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, domesticated deer, buffalo, bison, and beefalo.

(2) "Public highway" means a public way for vehicular traffic, including the entire area dedicated thereto and the bridges, culverts, structures, appurtenances and features necessary to or associated with its purpose, and refers to those highways designated in R.S. 3:2803.

(3) "Owner of livestock" means any person owning livestock.

(4) "Manager of livestock" means any person other than an owner of livestock having the care and control of livestock.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1, eff. July 1, 1955; Acts 1978, No. 528, §1.

§2803. Livestock at large upon certain highways

No person owning livestock shall knowingly, willfully, or negligently permit his livestock to go at large upon the following public highways of this state:

Route Section

1. US 11 Mississippi State Line to Jct. US 90, east of New Orleans

2. US 51 Mississippi State Line to Laplace

3. US 61 New Orleans to Mississippi State Line

4. US 65 Vidalia to Ferriday to Arkansas State Line

5. US 71 Jct. US 190, near Krotz Springs to Arkansas State Line

6. US 79 Texas State Line to Jct. US 80, at Greenwood

7. US 79 Minden to Arkansas State Line

8. US 80 Texas State Line to Mississippi State Line

9. US 84 Texas State Line to Jct. US 71, at Coushatta

10. US 84 Jct. US 71, at Clarence, to Jct. US 65 at Ferriday

11. US 90 Texas State Line to Mississippi State Line

12. US 90 Business

US 90 west of Westwego to New Orleans

13. US 165 Jct. US 90 east of Lake Charles to Arkansas State Line

14. US 167 Abbeville to Arkansas State Line

15. US 171 Lake Charles to Shreveport

16. US 190 Texas State Line to Jct. US 171 at DeRidder

17. US 190 Jct. US 171 at Ragley to Jct. US 90 near Mississippi State Line

18. LA 1 Grand Isle to Jct. US 190 north of Port Allen

19. LA 1 Jct. US 190 near Erwinville to Shreveport

20. LA 1 Jct. La. 71 north of Shreveport to Arkansas State Line

Line

21. LA 2 Texas State Line to Jct. La. 1 at Lewis

22. LA 2 Vivian to Hosston

23. LA 2 Plain Dealing to Sarepta

24. LA 2 Farmerville to Jct. US 165 southeast of Sterlington

25. LA 2 Mer Rouge to Jct. US 65 north of Lake Providence

26. LA 3 Bossier City to Plain Dealing

27. LA 4 Friendship to Jonesboro

28. LA 4 Winnsboro to US 65 west of Newellton

29. LA 5 Logansport to US 171 west of Gloster

30. LA 6 Texas State Line to US 71 at Clarence

31. LA 7 Coushatta to US 80 at Minden

32. LA 7 US 80 at Dixie Inn to Arkansas State Line

33. LA 8 Boyce to Colfax

- 34.LA 8Bentley to Trout
- 35.LA 8Harrisonburg to Sicily Island
- 36.LA 10Vernon Parish Line to Beaver
- 37.LA 10Nuba to Lebeau
- 38.LA 10St. Francisville to Clinton
- 39.LA 10Franklinton to Mississippi State Line
- 40.LA 12Texas State Line to Beauregard Parish Line
- 41.LA 13La. 14, west of Kaplan, to La. US 167 at
Turkey Creek
- 42.LA 14Lake Charles to New Iberia
- 43.LA 15Monroe south to La. 1
- 44.LA 16Denham Springs to Amite
LA 16The Eastern Line of Tangipahoa Parish
to Franklinton
- 45.LA 17La. 4, east of Winnsboro to Epps
- 46.LA 17Pioneer to Kilbourne
- 47.LA 18Donaldsonville-Edgard-Luling-
Mississippi River Bridge
- 48.LA 19Scotlandville to Mississippi State Line
- 49.LA 20Gibson to Vacherie
- 50.LA 21Madisonville to Mississippi State Line
- 51.LA 22Springfield to US 190 at Chinchuba
- 52.LA 23Gretna to Venice
- 53.LA 24Bourg to Schriever
- 54.LA 25Covington to Franklinton
- 55.LA 26ake Arthur to Elton
- 56LA 27orthern line of Cameron Parish line
to Juanita
- 57.LA 27Northern line of Cameron Parish line
to Holmwood
- 58.LA 28Catahoula Parish LaSalle Parish
- 59.Repealed by Acts 1975, No. 293, §2
- 60.LA 29Eunice to Ville Platte
- 61.LA 29Bunkie to La. 15 west of Evergreen
- 62.LA 31New Iberia to Breaux Bridge
- 63.LA 31Arnaudville to Opelousas
- 64.LA 33Farmerville to Marion
- 65.LA 34Chatham to West Monroe
- 66.LA 35Forked Island to La. 700, north of
Kaplan
- 67.LA 35Acadia-Lafayette Parish line south of
Rayne, to US 190 at Lawtell
- 68.LA 37Baton Rouge to La. 63 NE of Baywood

- 69.LA 39Bertrandville to Arabi
- 70.LA 41Pearl River to La. 21, south of Sun
- 71.LA 42US 61, near Oak Grove to Port Vincent
- 72.LA 44Laplace to St. James Parish Line
- 73.LA 45Marrero to Crown Point
- 74.LA 46Poydras to Reggio
- 75.LA 55Montegut to Bourg
- 76.LA 56Chauvin to Presque Isle
- 77.LA 67Baton Rouge to Clinton
- 78.LA 82Esther to Abbeville
- 79.LA 91Gueydan to Midland
- 80.LA 91Estherwood to La. 100 east of Egan
- 81.LA 91Egan via Iota to Acadia-St. Landry
Parish Line south of Eunice
- 82.LA 92Mermentau to Morse
- 83.LA 92La. 91, south of Morse, to La. 13,
east of Lyons Point
- 84.LA 92La. 13 south of Crowley to Acadia-
Vermilion Parish line
- 85.LA 94Lafayette to Breaux Bridge
- 86.LA 95Acadia-Lafayette Parish line via Mire
and Church Point to Acadia-St.
Landry Parish line northwest of
Prudhomme
- 87.LA 97Acadia-Jefferson Davis Parish line to
Basile
- 88.LA 98La. 97 west of Iota via Iota, Maxie,
Rayne and Mire to Acadia-Lafayette
Parish line east of Mire
- 89.LA 100La. 97 west of Evangeline to La. 13
north of Crowley
- 90.LA 107Pineville to Marksville
- 91LA 115Intersection with La. 29 west of
Evergreen to intersection with La.
28 at Holloway and from its junction
with La. 106 to the Avoyelles Parish
Line
- 92.LA 124Jonesville to Harrisonburg
- 93.LA 126Intersection with La. US 165 in Grayson
to LaSalle Parish Line
- 94.LA 127Nebo to Olla
- 95.LA 133Columbia northward to Richland Parish
line

- 96.LA 137Archibald to Rayville
- 97.LA 139Sicard to La. 142 southeast of Beekman
- 98.LA 143La. 2 northwest of Sterlington to Marion
- 99.LA 158Colfax to US 71 north of Colfax
- 100.LA 175Intersection of La. US 171 west of
Many to intersection with La. US 84
- 101.LA 178Church Point to Acadia-St. Landry
Parish line
- 102.LA 315Theriot to Houma
- 103.LA 342La. 35 south to Rayne to La. 700 west
of Ridge
- 104.LA 343Acadia-Lafayette Parish line, north of
Duson to La. 98 east of Mire
- 105.LA 347Breux Bridge to Arnaudville
- 106.LA 356La. 95 at Peach Bloom to Acadia-St.
Landry Parish line
- 107.LA 357Opelousas to Church Point
- 108.LA 358La. 367 southwest of Prudhomme to
Pitreville
- 109.LA 365La. 370 northeast of Iota to La. 13
north of Maxie
- 110.LA 365La. 13 at Judd via Branch and
Higginbotham to La. 98, east of Mire
- 111.LA 367La. 98 northwest of Rayne via Link to
the Acadia-St. Landry Parish line
- 112.LA 368La. 97 to Redich via Frey to La. 13
east of Mowata
- 113.LA 370Iota via Frey and Richard to La. 35
southwest of Church Point
- 114.LA 460Nebo to Whitehall
- 115.LA 628Laplace to St. Charles Parish line
- 116.LA 700La. 35 north of Kaplan to La. 322 west
of Ridge
- 117.LA 722La. 98 east of Rayne to Acadia-
Lafayette Parish line west of Duson
- 118.LA 754La. 95 southeast of Church Point to
Acadia-St. Landry Parish line east
of Church Point
- 119.LA 755La. 368 northwest of Frey to Acadia-
St. Landry Parish line south of
Eunice
- 120.LA 845Clarks to Sikes Road
- 121.LA 848Hebert to Cat Island

- 122.LA 1096La. 722 east of Rayne to La. 95 south of Mire
- 123.LA 1098La. 95 south of Higginbotham to La. 365 east of Higginbotham
- 124.LA 1099La. 1098 southeast of Higginbotham to La. 365
- 125.LA 1100La. 98 east of Castille to La. 95 south of Higginbotham
- 126.LA 1101La. 98 at Castille to La. 365 east of Branch
- 127.LA 1102La. 35 south of Branch to La. 1101
- 128.LA 1104La. 178 near Church Point to La. 754
- 129.LA 1105La. 367 north of Link via Richard to La. 95 southeast of Prudhomme
- 130.LA 1106La. 367 north of Link westerly approximately two miles to a junction with a parish road
- 131.LA 1107La. 367 north of Link to La. 1105
- 132.LA 1108La. 95 northwest of Church Point to Pitreville
- 133.LA 1109La. 98 east of Maxie to La. 365 east of Judd
- 134.LA 1110La. 98 east of Maxie to Link
- 135.LA 1111La. 13 north of Crowley to La. 98
- 136.LA 1112From La. 1111 northerly and easterly back to La. 1111
- 137.LA 1113La. 98 northwest of Rayne to La. 367
- 138.LA 1117La. 92 near Mermentau to US 90 west of Estherwood
- 139.LA 1118La. 1117 southeast of Mermentau southerly approximately 1.7 miles to a junction with parish road
- 140.LA 1119La. 92 south of Mermentau southerly approximately 1.0 mile to a junction with parish road
- 141.LA 1120La. 100 east of Egan to La. 98 southeast of Iota
- 142.LA 1121Lawson to La. 13 northwest of Crowley
- 143.LA 1123La. 97 and La. 98 west of Iota to La. 97 south of Redich
- 144.LA 1124Estherwood southerly approximately 3.9 miles to a junction with a parish road
- 145.LA 1165In Evangeline Parish

146.LA 3007La. 13 south of Crowley easterly approximately 3.5 miles to a parish road near Ebenezer

147.LA 3067La. 91 north of Iota to La. 370 south of Frey

148.LA 3068La. 97 north of Redich to US 190 east of Basile

149.LA 070La. 100 west of Lawson to La. 370 east of Iota

150.LA 3076US 90 to La. 13 and US 90 in Rayne

151.LA 3042Ville Platte to Bayou Chicot

152.LA 106Bayou Chicot to Morrison Station junction of La. 106 and La. 29 and from its intersection with U.S. 167 to its intersection with La. 13

153.LA 181From its intersection with La. 115 to the Rapides Parish Line

154.LA 1153North from city limits of Oakdale to the cattle guard immediately preceding the intersection of LA 1153 and LA 1154.

155.LA 417Legonier to Red Cross

156.LA 1Legonier to New Roads, New Roads to intersection with U.S. 190

157.LA 415New Roads to West Baton Rouge Parish line

158.LA 418Torras to Innis

159.LA 10New Roads to Pointe Coupee

160.LA 447ithin Livingston Parish.

161.LA 111US 171 near Anacoco west to La. 392.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1; Acts 1955, No. 114, §1; Acts 1956, No. 368, §1; Acts 1958, No. 166, §1; Acts 1958, No. 274, §1; Acts 1959, No. 126, §1; Acts 1960, No. 574, §1; Acts 1962, No. 105, §1; Acts 1965, No. 30, §1; Acts 1970, No. 427, §1; Acts 1974, No. 634, §§1, 2; Acts 1975, No. 293, §1; Acts 1976, No. 280, §1; Acts 1976, No. 322, §1; Acts 1986, No. 508, §1; Acts 1992, No. 415, §1.

§2804. Impounding livestock found at large upon highways

A. The deputy secretary of Department of Public Safety shall, and all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, and justices of the peace may, cause any livestock found at large upon any highway of the state of Louisiana, as defined in R.S. 3:2803, to be taken into custody and impounded. Any livestock so taken into custody shall be impounded in the nearest official state police impoundment area.

Any officer taking custody of and impounding livestock shall immediately notify the deputy secretary of Department of Public Safety or his duly authorized representative in the parish in which the livestock is impounded and shall, within twenty-four hours after such notification, notify the owner or manager of such livestock, if known, personally or by leaving written notice at his place of residence.

B. The owner or manager of livestock so impounded shall have the right to secure his livestock upon the payment to the superintendent* of state police or officer impounding the livestock of a fee of twenty dollars per head of livestock.

He shall also pay to the officer impounding such livestock the cost of feeding and caring for such livestock at the rate of two dollars per day for each animal and the cost of any necessary veterinary and advertisement fees incurred.

C. The governor is authorized to establish, by executive order, in the Department of Public Safety, a suitable patrol force to enforce the provisions of this Subpart. The members of the patrol shall be employees of the Department of Public Safety, and their salaries and expenses shall be paid in the same manner as is provided for other employees.

D. The provisions of this Section and of R.S. 3:2805 and 2806 shall be effective for any fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year only if sufficient funds have been appropriated to the deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for the purpose of enforcing those Sections for the fiscal year or the portion of the fiscal year. If sufficient funds have not been appropriated the deputy secretary shall provide written notice to the Senate and House Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1, eff. July 1, 1955; Acts 1976, No. 323, §1; Acts 1977, No. 503, §1, eff. July 13, 1977; Acts 1978, No. 528, §1; Acts 1983, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 33, §1, eff. Jan. 19, 1983; Acts 1989, No. 494, §1.

*See R.S. 36:405.

§2805. Advertisement of impounding when owner is unknown

A. If the owner or manager of any livestock found at large on a public highway is not known or if the owner or manager has no residence in the parish where the livestock is impounded a statement shall be filed with the superintendent of state police or his authorized representative in the parish in which the livestock is impounded, setting forth:

- (1) The name and address of the person impounding the livestock;
- (2) A description of the livestock as to kind, sex, marks, brand, color and apparent age;
- (3) The place of taking custody of and the place where livestock is impounded;
- (4) The amount of the charges due for feeding and caring for the livestock;
- (5) The amount of the fee for impounding the livestock.

B. The superintendent of state police or his representative shall then give notice by advertising in a newspaper of general circulation within the parish setting forth the fact of the impoundment, a description of the livestock, and that the owner or manager is unknown or, if known, that he cannot be located. This advertisement shall notify any person claiming to be the owner or manager of such livestock to appear before the superintendent of state police or his representative at a place named and a time not less than three days nor more than six days from the date of notice to prove such claim of ownership or authority to manage. If the owner or manager appears and proves to the satisfaction of the superintendent of state police or his representative that he is the owner or manager of the stock impounded, the superintendent of state police or his representative shall require the owner or manager to pay the fee provided in R.S. 3:2804, the cost of feeding and caring for the stock at the rates hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:2804, and the cost of advertisement.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1, eff. July 1, 1955.

§2806. Sales of unclaimed livestock

A. If, after the notice provided in R.S. 3:2804 and R.S. 3:2805, the owner or manager does not appear within twenty calendar days, the deputy secretary of state police or his representative shall proceed to sell such impounded livestock in the following manner:

(1) The deputy secretary of Department of Public Safety or his representative shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish where the sale is to take place, the fact of such sale, the date, and the place of the sale. The place of the sale shall be at some public place open to the general public within the parish of impoundment or the nearest sale barn in the vicinity of the place of impoundment and the sale shall take place within ten days after publication of one notice of said sale. The impounded livestock shall be auctioned to the last and highest bidder for cash.

(2) From the price of said sale shall be deducted the fee provided in R.S. 3:2804, the cost of feeding and caring for the livestock at the rate hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:2804 and all expenses incurred in the sale. The deputy secretary of Department of Public Safety shall pay the fee provided for feeding and caring for the livestock and the remainder shall be paid to the office of state police.

B. The governing authority of any parish affected by R.S. 3:2801 through R.S. 3:2807 shall have the right to fence any highway or highways affected hereby at the cost and expense of the police jury.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1, eff. July 1, 1955; Acts 1978, No. 528, §1.

§2807. Penalties

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 3:2803 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offense. The auditor of the Department of Public Safety shall receive all of the fines imposed and collected for such violation.

Added by Acts 1950, No. 443, §1. Amended by Acts 1954, No. 202, §1, eff. July 1, 1955; Acts 1978, No. 528, §1.

2808. Legislative findings

There is hereby found and declared a necessity for fencing certain public highways of the state of Louisiana and necessity that its application be uniform throughout the state.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 187, §1.

§2810. Closing of gates in fences constructed with state aid

It shall be the obligation of users of property contiguous to state highways upon which fences have been erected with state aid to ascertain that the gates from the owner's private property to the public road be kept closed except when actually in use and tended by a competent person. Failure of the user of the private property to keep the gates closed shall subject him to the same penalties as provided in R.S. 3:2807.

Added by Acts 1962, No. 94, §1.

§2811. Fences erected upon public highways with state aid; damaging, removal and destruction prohibited; exceptions; penalties for violation

A. Fences erected upon state highways with a contribution from the Department of Highways of the State of Louisiana are the property of the State of Louisiana. The damaging, removal or destruction of such fences, except as permitted in Sub-section B of this Section is specifically prohibited.

B. Owners of property bounded by a highway upon which such a fence has been erected may remove the fence from that portion of the highway in front of their property if they have erected similar connecting fences to prevent livestock from their lands and lands contiguous to their lands from roaming at large upon the public road. Responsibility for the effectiveness of such connecting fences shall rest upon the landowner. The state shall have no title to the connecting fences.

C. The department of public safety of the state of Louisiana shall be charged with the responsibility for administering the provisions of this Section.

D. Whoever damages, removes or destroys any fence covered by Sub-section A hereof, without previously erecting connecting fences, so as to permit the roaming of cattle upon the highways, shall, upon conviction therefor, be fined not more than one hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the parish jail for a period not to exceed thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Added by Acts 1962, No. 79, §1.

§2815. Impoundment pens or areas

The State Department of Public Safety shall designate and establish within each parish of the state, where necessary, an impoundment pen or area which shall be maintained by the department or by a person designated by the Superintendent of State Police solely for the purpose of impounding and retaining within the parish all livestock, swine and other cattle or animals subject to impoundment under the laws of this state. Animals impounded under such laws shall be retained and cared for in said impoundment pens or areas until disposed of in the manner provided by law.

The Superintendent of State Police is authorized to deputize or otherwise obtain the services of one farmer in each parish who shall be responsible for maintaining and caring for all animals impounded.

Acts 1960, No. 290, §1.

*SUBPART B. HORSES, MULES, DONKEYS OR ASSES***§2851. Livestock not to go on paved, black-topped and asphalt treated highways**

It shall not be lawful for horses, mules, donkeys, or asses to go on the paved, black-topped and asphalt treated highways of the state system and the rights of way therefor.

Added by Acts 1950, 2nd Ex.Sess., No. 12, §1.

§2854. Impounding pens, yards and keepers

The department in which the patrol is established by the governor shall establish impounding pens and yards, and employ pound keepers.

Added by Acts 1950, 2nd Ex.Sess., No. 12, §1.

§2855. Fees and costs

The fees and costs under this Sub-part shall be as follows: for the first impounding, per head, ten dollars; for the second impounding, per head, twenty-five dollars; for keeping, one dollar per head for each day the stock are kept by the impounder or keeper; for making the sale, five dollars per head for each animal sold; for proceeding, as in case of estrays, such costs as are now allowed by law in cases of estrays in the several parishes. Provided, that no charge shall be made for the first impounding of an animal where it is shown to the satisfaction of the patrol that the animal has escaped from his enclosure or gone upon the highway through no fault of the owner.

Added by Acts 1950, 2nd Ex.Sess., No. 12, §1.

§2856. Branding of animals impounded

Every animal impounded shall be branded with a distinctive brand, burned into the hide of the animal, which, together with a description of the animal, shall be entered on a record to be kept by the patrol and the pound keeper.

Added by Acts 1950, 2nd Ex.Sess., No. 12, §1

§2858. Impounded animals, release of prohibited; penalty

No person shall by force, threats, or fraud release any animal impounded under the provisions of R.S. 3:2572.

Whoever violates this Section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.

Added by Acts 1950, 2nd Ex.Sess., No. 12, §1.

§2859. Adoption and donation of unclaimed horses; rules and regulations

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, following a diligent attempt to locate the owner and proper advertisement, the animal control authority or the sheriff in parishes where there is no other animal control authority may provide for the adoption or donation of any unclaimed horse or may transfer the horse to an animal control agency in another parish prior to resorting to any other means of disposition of the animal, provided the horse is determined to be free of those diseases for which the Livestock Sanitary Board would otherwise require that the horse be destroyed by euthanasia.

B. Each parish animal control authority or sheriff in parishes where there is no other animal control authority shall establish guidelines for the proper adoption or donation of unclaimed horses. Any recommendations made by the Louisiana Animal Control Association shall be taken into consideration by the authority or sheriff when establishing the guidelines.

C. As used in this Section, "unclaimed horse" means any domesticated member of the family "equidae", including horses, burros, asses, donkeys, zebras, and similar other species, and crossbred hybrids of these including mules, in which no one claims ownership after reasonable notice has been provided regarding its custody.

D. "Proper advertisement" for purposes of this Section means giving notice by advertising in a newspaper having general circulation within the parish once a week for two consecutive weeks. The notice shall set forth all of the following:

- (1) A description of the horse.
 - (2) A statement that the owner is unknown or if known, that he cannot be located.
 - (3) A statement indicating when and where the horse was found.
 - (4) A location where the owner can prove ownership and reclaim the horse.
- Acts 2001, No. 715, §1, eff. June 25, 2001.

SUBPART C. SWINE

§2891. Swine prohibited from running at large

Except in the Sabine River Swamp in ward 1 and all of ward 2 of Beauregard Parish, in the Little River area north of Catahoula Lake in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish south of Highway 84, in wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 of LaSalle Parish,

in that area of Allen Parish, ward 5, west of the Calcasieu River, in wards 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 of Vernon Parish, in the Catahoula Lake area of Catahoula Parish, and in the parishes of Winn, Union, St. Tammany, Livingston, St. Helena, Cameron, and Caldwell, except wards 1, 2, 7 and 8 of Caldwell Parish, and state representative district 27 unless a referendum of the people is held to approve it no person owning swine shall knowingly, willfully or negligently permit his swine to run at large upon public property or upon private property of another person.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 130, §1. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 419, §1.

§2892. Impoundment of swine running at large; notice to and recovery by owner

Any landowner or lessee, or their agents, employees, or representatives or the sheriff, constable or other police officer of any parish, ward, or municipality may seize any swine found unaccompanied by its owner or keeper and running at large on any public or private property. These swine so seized shall be impounded and the citizen or officer so seizing and impounding the swine shall cause the owner or keeper thereof, if known, to be notified personally or by leaving written notice at the place of his residence within twenty-four hours after the seizure, and the owner or keeper of the swine may forthwith claim the swine upon the payment of the fees hereinafter specified. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the Sabine River Swamp in ward 1 and all of ward 2 of Beauregard Parish, in the Little River area north of Catahoula Lake in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish south of Highway 84, in wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 of LaSalle Parish, in that area of Allen Parish, ward 5, west of the Calcasieu River, in wards 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 of Vernon Parish, in the Catahoula Lake area of Catahoula Parish, and in the parishes of Winn, Union, St. Tammany, Livingston, St. Helena, Cameron and Caldwell, except wards 1, 2, 7 and 8 of Caldwell Parish, and state representative district 27, unless a referendum of the people is held to approve it.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 130, §1. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 419, §2.

§2893. Disposition of swine

If the owner or keeper fails to come forward and claim the swine within five days after mailing or delivery of said notice and pay all fees and costs hereinafter provided, or if the ownership of such swine cannot be readily determined, notice of impoundment of the same and the place thereof shall be published at least once in an official journal in the parish where the swine are taken into possession, together with notice that such swine will be sold by the sheriff or constable at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and without appraisalment at a specified time, date, and place, not less than five days after publication of such notice. In either event, the original owner thereof may claim such swine and recover the same prior to public sale upon the payment to the officer or citizen impounding the same a fee of two dollars per animal for seizure and a fee of one dollar to pay the cost of food and keep for each day it is

impounded, and in the event the same has been advertised, the reasonable cost of such advertisement. If the owner fails to claim the animal and pay the fees as hereinbefore specified, the swine shall be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and without appraisalment.

The fee of the sheriff or constable shall be five percent of the amount of such sale, and in addition, twenty-five cents per animal for giving of notice.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 130, §1. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 419, §3.

§2894. Disposition of proceeds of sale

From the price of the sale, the sheriff or constable shall deduct the fee of the person impounding the swine, the cost of feeding and caring for the swine at the rates hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:2893, and all expenses incurred in the sale. He shall pay the person taking up the swine the fee due him and the person feeding and caring for the swine the fees provided for such services and the remainder shall be paid into the parish treasury for the use and benefit of the parish. If the swine cannot be sold as herein specified, they may be donated by the auctioning officer to any charitable or public institution or welfare recipient or, if none be willing to accept them, disposed of forthwith as the auctioning officer sees fit, except that they shall not be released to run at large.

Added by Acts 1954, No. 130, §1. Amended by Acts 1972, No. 419, §4.

§2895. Penalties

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 3:2891 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

Added by Acts 1972, No. 419, §5.

§2896. Liability for damages

The owner of any swine who knowingly, willfully or negligently permits his swine to run at large upon public property or upon the private property of another person shall be liable for any damage caused by such swine while running at large. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the Sabine River Swamp in ward 1 and all of ward 2 of Beauregard Parish, in the Little River area north of Catahoula Lake in Grant Parish and LaSalle Parish south of Highway 84, in wards 1, 2, 3, and 4 of LaSalle Parish, in that area of Allen Parish, ward 5, west of the Calcasieu River, in wards 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 of Vernon Parish, in the Catahoula Lake area of Catahoula Parish, and in the parishes of Winn, Union, St. Tammany, Livingston, St. Helena, Cameron, and Caldwell Parish, except wards 1, 2, 7, and 8 of Caldwell Parish, and state representative district 27, unless a referendum of the people is held to approve it.

Added by Acts 1972, No. 419, §6.

PART VII. LOCAL REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

§3001. Legislative findings

There is hereby found and declared a necessity for providing a means whereby each ward of every parish in the state shall have the right, by local option election, to prohibit livestock from roaming at large in each said ward on those public highways other than those provided for in R.S. 3:2803.

Added by Act 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3002. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms are defined as follows:

(1) "Livestock" means any animal, hybrid, mixture, or mutation of the species of horses, mules, donkeys, asses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, domesticated deer, buffalo, bison, beefalo.

(2) "Public highway" means any public way except those highways provided for in R.S. 3:2803 for vehicular traffic including the entire area dedicated thereto and the bridge, culverts, structures, appurtenances and features necessary to or associated with its purpose.

(3) "Owner of livestock" means any person owning or having control of livestock.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1. Amended by Acts 1978, No. 528, §1.

§3003. Livestock at large on highways unlawful

No person owning livestock shall knowingly, willfully or negligently permit his livestock to go at large upon the public highways of any ward of any parish where livestock is presently prohibited from roaming at large or any ward of any parish that shall hereafter adopt a stock law as hereinafter provided for.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3004. Impounding livestock found at large upon highways

A. All sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, and justices of the peace shall, and any other person may, take possession of and impound any livestock found at large upon any public highway of this state in any ward where livestock is presently prohibited from roaming at large or may hereafter be prohibited from roaming at large as hereinafter provided for. Any livestock so taken and impounded shall be impounded in the parish in which taken and when taken by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or justice of the peace, the owner thereof shall be notified personally or by leaving written notice at the place of his residence within twenty-four hours after taking possession of such livestock. Any person other than a sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, or justice of the peace taking possession of and impounding livestock shall immediately notify the sheriff of the parish in which the livestock is taken and said sheriff shall, within twenty-four hours of such notification, notify the owner in the manner hereinabove provided.

B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the owner of livestock so taken shall have the right to secure his livestock upon the payment to the officer or person taking up the livestock a fee of ten dollars for each head of livestock

taken. He shall also pay to the person taking and impounding such livestock the cost of feeding and caring for such livestock at the rate of two dollars per day for each animal.

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

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 503, §1, eff. July 13, 1977; Acts 1999, No. 1065, §1; Acts 2006, No. 756, §1.

§3005. Advertisement of impounding when owner is unknown

A. If the owner of any livestock found at large on any public highway of any ward where the roaming at large of stock is prohibited, is unknown or if the owner has no residence in the parish where the livestock is taken, a statement shall be filed with the sheriff of the parish in which the livestock is taken setting forth:

- (1) The name and address of the person taking up the livestock;
- (2) A description of the livestock as to kind, sex, marks, brand, color, and apparent age;
- (3) The place of taking up and the place where the livestock is impounded;
- (4) The amount of the charges due for feeding and caring for the livestock;
- (5) The amount of the fee for taking the livestock.

B. The sheriff shall then give notice by advertising in a newspaper of general circulation within the parish setting forth the fact of the taking of possession, a description of the livestock, that the owner is unknown or if known that he cannot be located. This advertisement shall notify any person claiming to be the owner of such livestock to appear before the sheriff at a place named and a time not less than three days nor more than six days from the date of notice to prove such claim or ownership. If the owner appears and proves to the satisfaction of the sheriff that he is the owner of the stock impounded, the sheriff shall require the owner to pay the fee of the person taking the stock, the cost of feeding and caring for the stock at the rates hereinabove specified in R.S. 3:3004 and the cost of advertisement.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3006. Sale of unclaimed livestock

If after the notice provided for in R.S. 3:3004 and R.S. 3:3005 the owner does not appear at the time specified the sheriff shall proceed to sell such impounded livestock in the following manner:

The sheriff shall advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in the parish where the sale is to take place the fact of such sale, the date and place of the sale. The place of the sale shall be at the court house or at some other public place

in the vicinity of the court house and the sale shall be made not less than ten nor more than twenty days after publication of one notice of said sale. Said sale shall be by auction to the last and highest bidder for cash. From the price of said sale the sheriff shall deduct the fee of the person impounding the livestock, the cost of feeding and caring for the livestock at the rates herein above specified in R.S. 3:3004 and all expenses incurred in the sale. He shall pay the person taking up the livestock the fee due him and the person feeding and caring for the livestock the fees provided for such services and the remainder shall be paid into the state treasury.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3007. Election

A. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to those highways provided for in R.S. 3:2803 or be enforced in any ward of any parish of this state unless and until so ordered and authorized by a majority in number of the voters of said ward voting in an election held in said ward as hereinafter provided for in R.S. 3:3011.

B. Any ward of any parish of this state may at any time hold a local option election as hereinafter provided for in R.S. 3:3011 provided that such election may not be held for the same ward oftener than once a year.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3008. Petition for elections; notice of election

Upon the petition of twenty-five percent of the qualified electors in any ward of any parish of the state, the governing authority of the parish in which the ward is situated shall, within sixty days after the date on which the petition is filed, order and set the date for an election. The election shall be held not more than sixty days after the date on which it is ordered. Notice of the election shall be published in the official journal of the parish in which the ward is located at least once a week for four consecutive weeks. The first publication shall be not less than thirty days prior to the date of the election. All elections provided for in this Part shall be at the expense of the parish in which the ward calling the election is situated.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 258, §1.

§3009. Contents and requisites of petition

A. The petition for a referendum election shall be addressed to the governing authority of the parish in which the ward is situated and shall state in essence that the signers thereof request that an election be called to submit to the qualified electors of the ward the proposition of prohibiting any or all of the species of livestock enumerated in R.S. 3:3001 from roaming at large on the public highways of said ward.

B. The petition shall be signed by twenty-five percent of the electors of the ward qualified to vote on the date on which the first signature is attached to the petition and shall state the date of signing and the address of each signing elector.

C. Said petition shall also state the species of livestock which it is proposed to prohibit from roaming at large on the public highways of the ward in which the election is to be held.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1. Amended by Acts 1977, No. 258, §1.

§3010. Filing of petition with registrar of voters

The petition for such local option election shall be filed with the registrar of voters of the parish in which the ward is situated within sixty days of the date of the first signature affixed thereto and when so filed shall become a permanent public record.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3011. Election and effect

The governing authority of the parish in which the ward is situated shall then proceed to call a special election on the question of prohibiting the type or types of livestock specified in the petition for election from roaming at large on the public highways of the ward. If a majority of the voters of the ward participating in an election called for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said ward the proposition of prohibiting the type or types of livestock specified in the petition for election, from roaming at large on the public highways of the ward, vote in favor of prohibiting said type or types of livestock from roaming at large, it shall be unlawful for the type or types of livestock specified to roam at large on the public highways of said ward, commencing six months from the date of said election. If a majority of the voters of the ward participating in the election vote against prohibiting livestock from roaming at large on the public highways of said ward then the provisions of this Part shall not apply to or be enforced in said ward.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3012. Publication of election results

The results of any election required or authorized by this Part shall be promulgated by the governing authority of the parish by publishing same one time in the official journal of the parish in which the ward is situated, which publication shall be made not more than fifteen days after the date of said election.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3013. Penalties

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 3:3003 shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than thirty days or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

§3014. Saving clause

All parish or ward stock laws or ordinances in effect on July 30, 1958, shall remain in full force and effect, it being the intention of the legislature to provide by this Part an additional method by which stock laws may be voted and enforced.

Added by Acts 1958, No. 399, §1.

*PART VIII. REGULATIONS IN URBAN AREAS***§3021. Regulations in home rule charter governments of over four hundred twenty-five thousand**

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent or limit the governing authority of a municipality or parish operating under a home rule charter with a population greater than four hundred twenty-five thousand according to the latest federal decennial census from adopting ordinances for the operation of its own program for the control of animals nor to prevent or limit the enforcement of said ordinances or the imposition of fees and fines thereunder; however, in no event shall such fees or fines be less than similar fees or fines imposed under this Chapter.

Acts 2003, No. 133, §1, eff. May 28, 2003.

*CHAPTER 19. BEAVER CONTROL***§3031. Bounty on beaver**

A. The department may, when funds are provided, offer a bounty of a minimum of five dollars for each beaver destroyed. Upon presentation of the beaver to any bona fide or licensed alligator farm, a receipt shall be issued in such form as prescribed by the department to the person presenting the animal. The department shall redeem such receipt by paying to such person upon presentation of the receipt, whether in person or by mail, a sum of five dollars, or such greater amounts as may be established by the department, for each such receipt as bounty.

The redemption of such receipts shall be paid only from funds especially appropriated for this purpose, and it is expressly provided that no such bounty shall be paid from any regular receipts, funds or appropriations of the department.

B. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, as necessary to the extent that funds are provided to implement this Section.

C. No bounty shall be paid when funds, personnel, or equipment of the department are employed in capturing and killing any beaver.

D. The provisions of the Chapter shall not be applicable in St. Tammany Parish.

Acts 1990, No. 999, §1.

§3032. Pilot program

A. The governing authority of the parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Morehouse, Madison, and Richland, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, shall create a pilot program to offer a bounty on beaver.

The purpose of the pilot program shall be to explore the benefits of offering a bounty on beaver in order to control the beaver population and the damage caused by beaver.

B. The bounty offered shall total fifteen dollars for each pelt, ten dollars to be paid by the state, provided that funds are appropriated therefor, and five dollars to be paid by the parish governing authority.

C. The governing authority of each of the parishes shall provide a collection point or points for collection of the beaver pelts. The bounty shall be paid upon presentation of the pelt at the collection site.

D. Each individual presenting a pelt or pelts must show proof of residence in that parish. Persons presenting pelts from another parish will be rendered ineligible for further participation in the program.

Acts 1991, No. 979, §1.

*CHAPTER 19-A. REGULATION OF FARM-RAISED
EXOTIC ANIMALS*

*PART I. IMPORTED EXOTIC DEER AND ANTELOPE,
ELK, AND FARM-RAISED WHITE TAIL DEER*

§3101. Administration; enforcement

The commissioner of agriculture and forestry, or his designee, shall administer and enforce this Part. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations setting forth the requirements for the raising, slaughtering, and sale of imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, and farm-raised white tail deer for commercial purposes in this state. All rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1.

§3102. Imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, and farm-raised white tail deer; licensing

A. Whoever desires to engage in raising, selling, or raising and selling imported exotic deer and antelope, elk, and farm-raised white tail deer, for commercial purposes, on breeding farms or propagating preserves of which he is the owner or lessee shall apply to the commissioner for a license to do so.

B. The license shall permit the licensee to breed and propagate such animals and sell them alive, or sell their parts, and to kill and transport them and sell their carcasses for food. This Subsection shall not apply to the sale of white tail deer meat.

C. Each license shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

D. Licensees receiving a license under this Section shall not be required to comply with R.S. 56:171.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1992, No. 41, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1.

§3103. Reporting

Each licensee shall maintain records which include the total number of animals, or the parts thereof, killed, sold, or transported, and the name of the person to whom the animals were sold or transported.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1.

§3104. Fencing requirements

Any farm or preserve used for breeding of imported exotic deer, elk, and antelope pursuant to this Part shall be surrounded by a fence of a height of not less than seven feet of wire or other material of a pattern to be approved by the commissioner. The fencing requirements for farm-raised white tail deer shall be specified pursuant to rule and regulation by the commissioner.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1; Acts 1992, No. 41, §1; Acts 1995, No. 461, §1.

§3105. Violations; revocation of license

A. The commissioner may revoke the license of any person violating any provision of this Part.

B. The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of up to one hundred dollars for each violation of this Part or of the rules and regulations adopted under this Part. Each day on which a violation occurs shall be a separate offense.

C. Civil penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

D. The commissioner may institute civil proceedings to enforce his ruling in the district court for the parish in which the violation occurred.

Acts 1991, No. 110, §1.

§3106. Definitions; identification

A. As used in this Part, "farm-raised white tail deer" means any animal of species and genus *odocoileus virginianus* which is bred, born, raised, and/or kept within a closed circumscribed fenced premise for the purpose of buying, selling, or trading in commerce. Farm raised white tail deer does not include any white tail deer which is part of any zoo, game park, or wildlife exhibit where the primary purpose of the same is the exhibition of white tail deer and/or other animals.

B. On and after August 15, 1995, any white tail deer which is born into, bought, sold, traded, or otherwise becomes farm-raised white tail deer shall be identified by means of an electronic implant. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations concerning the specifications and location of the implantation device.

Acts 1995, No. 461, §1.

*PART II. DOMESTIC FARM-RAISED RATITES***§3111. Legislative findings**

The purpose of this Part is to classify and regulate the growing of nonnative wildlife species of domestic farm-raised ratites including but not limited to ostrich, rhea, emu, and cassowary for the purpose of producing meat, skins, hides, feathers, oil, and progeny.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3112. Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his duly authorized representative acting at his direction.

(2) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

(3) "Ratite" means a flightless bird with a flat chestbone of the order Ratitae including but not limited to ostrich (*Struthio camelus*), rhea (*Rhea americana*), emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*), and cassowary (*Casuarius*).

Domestic farm-raised ratites shall be considered livestock if identified and maintained for the commercial purpose of producing meat, hides, feathers, oil, or progeny.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3113. Administration and enforcement

A. The provisions of this Part shall be administered by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry through the office of animal health services.

B. The commissioner shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Part or to administer the ratite program.

C. The commissioner may employ such personnel as is necessary to administer the provisions of this Part.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3114. Diseases and pests

The commissioner shall have the full and plenary power to deal with all contagious and infectious diseases of ratites and all other pests of ratites including but not limited to internal and external parasites. The state veterinarian may do and perform such acts as may be necessary to control, eradicate, or prevent the introduction, spread, or dissemination of any and all contagious and infectious diseases of ratites and all other pests of ratites.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3115. Information

The commissioner may request information, statistics, production figures, and any other information from owners of ratites for commercial purposes in order

to formulate policy, programs, promotions, and any other activities involving ratites.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3116. Identification and transportation of ratites

A. The commissioner may, by rule, establish procedures for the identification of ratites, including but not limited to guidelines and requirements for the use of marks, bands, tattoos, or electronic identification.

B. Ratites may be shipped into the state only when accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection signed by a United States Department of Agriculture accredited veterinarian or other similar official of the country of such ratites' origin. The certificate shall certify the apparent freedom of the ratites from contagious or infectious diseases and shall be based upon an actual inspection or specific serologic testing of the ratites to be shipped or moved within a period of thirty days preceding the date of shipment.

C. Notwithstanding Subsection B of this Section, the commissioner may inspect any ratites shipped into this state, even if the ratites are accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by another state or country. If such an inspection reveals the presence of contagious or infectious disease, the commissioner may declare a moratorium on Louisiana's recognition of any certificate of veterinary inspection issued by a representative of that state or country, until the commissioner determines that the standards of inspection of that state or country are adequate and equal to those health standards established by the state of Louisiana.

D. The commissioner, by rule, may establish other procedures for the shipment or movement of ratites within or into this state.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.

§3117. Violations; penalties

A. The commissioner may impose a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars for each violation of this Part or of the rules and regulations adopted under the provisions of this Part.

B. Civil penalties may be assessed only by a ruling of the commissioner based on an adjudicatory hearing held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Acts 1993, No. 134, §1.