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H.705

SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Leffler of Enosburgh

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Agriculture; public safety; animals running at large; municipal
enforcement

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill would prohibit owners of livestock from allowing livestock that they own or control from running at large. The bill would require livestock owners to enclose livestock within a sufficiently maintained fence composed of posts and rails, posts and palings, posts and planks or palisades, posts and wire, or rails alone. If livestock were to escape from a fence or run at large, the owner of the livestock would be subject to a civil penalty in the Judicial Bureau of up to \$500.00 for a first offense and up to \$1,500.00 for a second or subsequent offense. The bill also would authorize a municipality through municipal law enforcement or a municipal public health official to enforce the requirements to enclose livestock and prevent the running at large of livestock. In addition, the bill would provide that the owner of livestock shall be liable for all damages caused by livestock running at large.

- 1 An act relating to prohibiting the running of livestock at large
- 2 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
- 3 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)