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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representative Demar of Enosburgh (By Request)

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public safety; control of animals running at large; required fence

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill would amend the prohibitions on owners of livestock allowing livestock to run 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, rails alone, or post and electrified wire. If livestock were to escape from a fence or run at large, the owner of the livestock would be subject to a criminal penalty in the Judicial Bureau of up to \$500.00 per animal for a first offense and up to \$1,500.00 per animal for a second or subsequent offense. The bill also would authorize a law enforcement officer or the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets 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.

An act relating to the running of livestock at large

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)