## 1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2	The Committee on Agriculture to which was referred House Bill No. 877
3	entitled "An act relating to miscellaneous agricultural subjects" respectfully
4	reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate
5	propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 10, effective
6	date, and its reader assistance heading in their entireties and inserting in lieu
7	thereof a new Sec. 10 and Secs. 11 and 12 and a reader assistance heading to
8	read as follows:
9	* * * Animals at Large * * *
10	Sec. 10. 24 V.S.A. § 2291 is amended to read:
11	§ 2291. ENUMERATION OF POWERS
12	For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and
13	convenience, a town, city, or incorporated village shall have the following
14	powers:
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16	(21) To regulate, by means of a civil ordinance adopted pursuant to
17	chapter 59 of this title, subject to the limitations of 13 V.S.A. § 351b and the
18	requirement of 13 V.S.A. § 354(a), and consistent with the rules adopted by the
19	Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets, pursuant to 13 V.S.A. § 352b(a),
20	the welfare of animals in the municipality. Such ordinance may be enforced

1	by humane officers as defined in 13 V.S.A. § 351, if authorized to do so by the
2	municipality.
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4	(30) To regulate by means of an ordinance adopted pursuant to chapter
5	59 of this title regarding the fencing of livestock or poultry and the control of
6	livestock or poultry running at large. As used in this subdivision:
7	(A) "Livestock" has the same meaning as in 6 V.S.A. § 761.
8	(B) "Livestock or poultry running at large" means any livestock or
9	poultry found or being on any public land or public way, or land belonging to a
10	person other than the owner of the livestock or poultry, without the
11	landowner's permission.
12	(C) "Poultry" has the same meaning as in 6 V.S.A. § 1151.
13	(D) "Public way" has the same meaning as in section 2501a of this
14	<u>title.</u>
15	Sec. 11. 20 V.S.A. chapter 191, subchapter 1 is amended to read:
16	Subchapter 1. General Provisions
17	§ 3341. CATTLE, HORSES, SHEEP, GOATS, OR SWINE
18	A person who knowingly permits cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or swine to
19	run at large in a public highway or yard belonging to a public building without
20	the consent of the selectboard shall be fined by a law enforcement officer or by

1	the selectboard not more than $\frac{10000}{1000}$ nor less than $\frac{3000}{5000}$ for
2	each animal running at large.
3	§ 3342. PUBLIC PARK, COMMON, OR GREEN
4	A person who permits cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or swine to run at large in
5	a public park, common, or green without the consent of the selectboard shall be
6	fined by a law enforcement officer or by the selectboard not more than $\$25.00$
7	\$100.00 nor less than \$5.00 \$50.00 for each animal running at large.
8	§ 3343. YARD OF TOWNHOUSE, CHURCH, OR SCHOOLHOUSE
9	A person who turns cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or swine into a yard
10	belonging to a townhouse, church, or schoolhouse, which is properly enclosed,
11	or knowingly permits them to run in such a yard, shall be fined by a law
12	enforcement officer or by a selectboard not more than \$10.00 \$100.00 nor less
13	than \$3.00 \$50.00 for each animal running at large.
14	§ 3344. BURIAL GROUND
15	A person who knowingly turns cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or swine into a
16	properly enclosed burial ground, or who knowingly permits them to run within
17	a properly enclosed burial ground, shall be fined \$25.00 by a law enforcement
18	officer or by a selectboard not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$50.00 for each
19	animal running at large.
20	§ 3345. LAND OR PREMISES OF ANOTHER

1	A person who knowingly permits his or her the person's cattle, horses,
2	sheep, goats, swine, or domestic fowls to go upon the lands or premises of
3	another, after the latter has given the owner notice thereof, shall be fined by a
4	law enforcement officer or by a selectboard not more than \$10.00 \$100.00 nor
5	less than \$2.00 \$50.00 for each animal running at large. Such person shall also
6	be liable for the damages suffered, which may be recovered in a civil action.
7	§ 3346. BULLS
8	The owner or keeper of a bull may be fined by a law enforcement officer or
9	by a selectboard not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$50.00 if such bull is
10	more than nine months old and found unattended outside the premises owned
11	or occupied by the owner or keeper of such bull and shall be liable to a party
12	damaged by such bull while outside the premises of such owner or keeper.
13	The damages may be recovered in a civil action.
14	* * *
15	* * * Effective Date * * *
16	Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.
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21	(Committee vote:)

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2	Senator
3	FOR THE COMMITTEE