

Senate Bill 206

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CHAPTER 235

AN ACT to amend 174.02 and 174.11 (1) of the statutes, making a dog owner and the county dog license fund liable for damage to ranch mink when a dog has forcibly entered their enclosure.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 174.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

174.02 The owner or keeper of any dog which ~~shall have~~ *has* injured or caused the injury of any person or property or killed, wounded or worried any horses, cattle, sheep, *ranch mink* or lambs shall be liable to the person so injured and the owner of such animals for all damages so done, without proving notice to the owner or keeper of such dog or knowledge by him that his dog was mischievous or disposed to kill, wound or worry horses, cattle, sheep, *ranch mink* or lambs; *but when ranch mink are killed, wounded or worried, it shall be proven that the dog forcibly entered the enclosure in which they were kept.*

SECTION 2. 174.11 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

174.11 (1) The owner of any domestic animals (including poultry, *and including ranch mink when it is proven that the dog forcibly entered the enclosure in which the mink were kept*) attacked, chased, worried, injured or killed by ~~a dog or dogs~~ may within 3 days after the owner has knowledge or notice thereof, file a written claim for damages with the clerk of the town, village or city in which the damage occurred or, if it occurred in a town or village, with the chairman of such town or the supervisor of such village. The form of such claim may be prescribed by the state department of agriculture. Upon presentation of such claim the supervisors of the town, the board of trustees of the village, or the common council of the city, or a committee appointed for that purpose by the supervisors, the board of trustees or the common council shall promptly investigate said claim and may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and take testimony relative thereto and shall within 30 days after the

fling of said claim make, certify and return to the county clerk said claim, a report of the investigation, the testimony taken and the amount of damages suffered by the owner of said animals, together with the assessed valuation of same as shown on the last assessor's blotter or record for personal property assessments or if there ~~be~~ is none, then the assessed value of similar animals on such blotter or record.

Approved August 25, 1965.

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