

CHAPTER 319—S. F. No. 280.

An act prohibiting the permitting of domestic animals or fowls to run at large, or trespass, in cities and villages, and relating to damages therefrom.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Domestic animals shall not run at large—Trespass.—It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to allow any cattle, horses, mules, sheep, swine, or other domestic animals, or any domestic fowls, of which they are the owners, or at which they have the control, to run at large, or upon the lands of another within any city or village in this State. Permitting such running at large, or upon the lands of others, shall be and constitute a trespass.

Sec. 2. Violations—Penalty.—Every such trespass and each and every violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be and constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, the person so offending shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. Animals may be impounded.—Any person may, and every Sheriff, Constable and Police Officer shall distrain and impound all such animals and fowls so running at large or trespassing, and when so impounded such proceedings shall be had relative to the animals and fowls so impounded as are or shall be provided by the general laws of this State relating to the impounding of animals.

Sec. 4. Owner of property may distrain.—The owner or occupant of lands in any city or village may distrain any of such animals or fowls doing damage on such lands, and thereupon such proceedings as to the said animals or fowls and the disposition thereof and the damage done thereby as are or shall be provided by the general laws of this state relating to the distraining by the owner or occupant of lands, of any beast doing damage thereon, the disposition of the beast distrained, and the appraisal of the damages, and the collection thereof.

Sec. 5. Owner of animals to be liable for trespass.—In case the owner or occupant of lands shall not distrain the animals or fowls doing damage as provided herein, then any person who shall knowingly permit the running at large or trespass of any such domestic animal or fowl within any city or village, shall be liable to the person aggrieved for treble the damages sustained by him, to be recovered in a civil action.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1921.