

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
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S.F. No. 756

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		Referred to Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development
04/01/2025	1264	Withdrawn and re-referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

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A bill for an act

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relating to animals; providing for civil damages for failing to give notice of finding

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an estray; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 346.021.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 346.021, is amended to read:

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346.021 FINDER TO GIVE NOTICE.

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(a) A person who finds an estray and knows who owns the estray must notify the estray's

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owner within seven days after finding the estray and request that the owner pay all reasonable

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charges and take the estray away. A finder who does not know who owns an estray must

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(1) within ten days, file a notice with the town or city clerk and post a physical or online

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notice of the finding of the estray. The notice must briefly describe the estray or provide a

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photograph of the estray, provide the residence or contact information of the finder, and

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provide the approximate location and time when the finder found the estray; or

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(2) within seven days, surrender the estray to a local animal control agency or to a kennel

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as defined in section 347.31, subdivision 2.

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(b) For the failure to give the notice required in paragraph (a), the finder is liable to the

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owner of the estray in double the amount of damages sustained by the owner.