

CHAPTER 223—S.F.No. 2374

An act relating to dogs; modifying notice requirements for unlicensed dogs that are seized; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 347.14, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 347.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. ~~Prohibitions, limitations, regulations~~ **Prohibition; enforcement.** It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for ~~any~~ a person to harbor or permit to remain about the person's premises ~~any~~ a dog for which no license exists and for which one is required. Any person who ~~shall have~~ has seized or impounded a dog with or without license under this section shall deliver ~~such~~ the dog to the humane officer of the town or city, if ~~such~~ a humane officer exists; or, if there ~~be no such~~ is not a humane officer, to the ~~constable, statutory city marshal, or the~~ town or city ~~police~~ peace officer. The officer to whom the dog is delivered shall, without delay, notify the owner, personally or through the United States mail, if ~~such~~ the owner ~~be~~ is known to the officer or can be ascertained with reasonable effort, ~~but if the owner be unknown or cannot be ascertained, then the officer shall post written notice in three public places in the officer's town, giving a description of the dog, stating where it is impounded and the conditions for its release. If, after five days~~ five regular business days of the impounding agency, the owner does not claim the dog, the officer shall may dispose of the dog in a proper and humane manner. For the purpose of this section, "regular business day" means a day during which the establishment having custody of the dog is open to the public at least four consecutive hours between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Presented to the governor May 20, 2006

Signed by the governor May 24, 2006, 12:01 p.m.