

LEGISLATIVE BILL 858

Approved by the Governor February 14, 2002

Introduced by Executive Board: Coordsen, 32, Chairperson

AN ACT relating to the Department of Agriculture; to amend sections 54-1412 and 54-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to transfer sections dealing with domestic animals; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 54-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~54-1412.~~ Whenever any inspector or person employed or authorized by the Department of Agriculture to make inspections of domestic animals ~~shall find finds~~ any domestic animal ~~or animals~~ affected with scabies, or which ~~have~~ has been or are ~~is~~ suspected of having been exposed to scabies, he ~~or she~~ shall at once notify the owner or custodian and such owner or custodian, having such affected or exposed ~~animals~~ animal in charge or in his ~~or her~~ possession, shall treat or dip all such animals so affected or exposed as and when ordered by the rules and regulations of the department. Such domestic animals so affected or exposed shall be held in strict quarantine at a place to be prescribed by the department until treated or dipped, and the premises shall be cleaned and disinfected, if ~~such~~ cleaning and disinfecting is deemed necessary by the department.

Sec. 2. Section 54-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~54-1413.~~ If ~~such an~~ owner or custodian ~~shall fail or refuse~~ fails or refuses to dip or otherwise treat ~~such animals,~~ an animal or disinfect the premises as and when directed by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to section 1 of this act, ~~then~~ the department shall have power to cause ~~such animals~~ the animal to be dipped or otherwise treated in the manner and at the time directed by the department, and shall keep ~~such animals~~ the animal in the custody of the department until ~~they are~~ treated or dipped. The costs of dipping or otherwise treating such animals shall be borne by the owner, and if ~~thereof,~~ and where the department has caused such animals to be dipped or treated it shall keep such animals in its custody until the costs of such dipping and treatment, together with whatever costs the department has incurred in the matter, are paid.

Sec. 3. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign sections 1 and 2 of this act within sections 54-701 to 54-753.

Sec. 4. Original sections 54-1412 and 54-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.