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Private Acts of 1955 Chapter 400

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COMPILER'S NOTE: Parts of this act may have been superseded by Tennessee Code Annotated section 44-8-401 et seq.

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons owning or having the control and custody of horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock to permit same to run at large in counties of this State having a population of not less than 27,200 and not more than 27,232, by the Federal Census of 1940, or any subsequent Federal Census.

SECTION 2. That the owner or owners of any livestock mentioned and included in Section 1 of this Act shall be liable for all damages that may be done to the property of any other person or persons by such livestock when allowed to run at large in violation of this Act, and the person or persons so damaged shall have a lien on the stock doing the damage, which may be enforced by attachment or by judgment and execution to be levied on such livestock.

SECTION 3. That any person or persons on whose land livestock may be found trespassing in violation of this Act, or other person or persons having custody and control of such land, shall have the right to take up and confine such trespassing stock until the damage and the expense of feeding and keeping such livestock are paid, and for the feeding and keeping of such livestock there shall also be a lien on the stock, to be enforced as is provided for the enforcement of the lien for damages given in Section 2 of this Act.

SECTION 4. That any person or persons taking up livestock as authorized by this Act shall give immediate notice to the owner or owners of the stock so taken up, that such stock has been taken up, if such owner or owners be known to the person or persons taking up same.

SECTION 5. That nothing in this Act is intended to or shall be construed as amending or repealing the general railroad and stock law of the State.

SECTION 6. That any violation of Section 1 of this Act shall be a misdemeanor, and punishable by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

SECTION 7. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: February 14, 1941.

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