

HB 1827 -- DAMAGES FROM LIVESTOCK TRESPASS

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 7 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 5 to 2.

This bill specifies that the owner of any horse, cattle, or other stock that breaks over or through a lawful fence and obtains access to or trespasses upon another's property is liable for damages sustained if the owner of the trespassing animal was negligent.

This bill is the same as HB 372 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that currently in Missouri, if livestock trespasses and causes damages, the owner is held strictly liable. This bill specifies there is only liability if the owner is negligent.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh; Missouri Farm Bureau; and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.