

HB 176 -- ANIMAL TRESPASS

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Currently, the crime of animal trespass is defined as a person having ownership of an animal who fails to provide adequate control of the animal for a period of 12 hours or more. Under this bill, a person commits the offense of animal or livestock trespass by either failing to provide adequate control of any animal, except livestock, when the animal trespasses on another person's property or failing to provide adequate control of livestock for a period of 12 hours or more and the animal trespasses on another person's property. In addition, the bill removes the maximum fines that may be charged for animal or livestock trespass, which potentially conflict with another provision of law setting the maximum fines for infractions and class C misdemeanors. The bill repeals a provision stating that reasonable costs for the care and maintenance of trespassing animals may not be waived.

This bill is the same as HB 1730 (2016).