

BUREAU OF LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

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Helpful Laws: Cattle

- 20433 F & A____ Peace Officers **SHALL** assist in enforcement of cattle
- 20434 F & A____ Peace Officers **SHALL** document loss or theft of cattle and transmit to the Bureau of Livestock Identification.
- 20435 F & A____ If a Peace Officer finds an animal, hide, carcass, with the hide on, and person in possession cannot prove ownership, **SHALL** take possession for investigation.
- 20436 F & A____ Person **SHALL NOT**, without a release from the Brand Inspector or Peace Officer, dispose of animal, hide, carcass, etc... within 30 days.
- 20438 F & A____ Peace Officer may stop any conveyance which is transporting animal, hide, carcass, etc... for the purpose of making an investigation and seize for up to 30 days.
- 20439 F & A____ Expense of caring for animals **SHALL** be paid by the owner.
- 21701 F & A____ In this Section, Animal is defined as:
a) Bovine Animal
b) Carcass of a bovine with the hide on
c) The hide of a bovine
- 21702 F & A____ Shall not possess, sell, or give and animal, etc... without a written document.
- 21703 F & A____ Movement of cattle with incomplete or inaccurate documents.
- 21705 F & A____ Transport cows without documents.
- 21852 F & A____ Driving cows off range without owners consent is 487 (d) PC
- 21855 F & A____ Driving, killing, butchering without owners consent.
(four times the value of the cattle) Refer to F & A Code for details.
- 21881 F & A____ Cows killed by railroads, 96 hours to notify Sheriff or Brand Inspector.
- 21886 F & A____ Attempt to conceal killing of cow.
- 17551 F & A____ Unlawful with intent to steal, to: mark or brand, alter any mark or brand.
- 17553 F & A____ Unlawful to cut off more than half the ear.
- 21856 F & A____ Any device used to willfully take, possess, kill or slaughter may be up for asset seizure.
- 20202 F & A____ Any person **SHALL** exhibit records to peace officer.
- 20203 F & A____ Failure to exhibit records.
- 16908 F & A____ Unlawful to confine cows in vehicle for 28 to 36 hours without humanely off loading by chute or tailgate for five hours of feed, water, and rest.
- 487 (d) PC____ Grand theft cow.
- 485 PC____ Appropriation of lost property is theft.
- 503 PC____ Embezzlement of property entrusted includes cows.
- 487 (a) PC____ Theft of a carcass.
- 597 (t) PC____ Confined animals.

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Helpful Laws: Animals Generally

- 16421 F & A_____ Violations are a misdemeanor
- 16521 F & A_____ Shall seize any bovine, horse, mule, burro or hide or carcass of when holder cannot prove ownership (Review specifics).
- 16522 F & A_____ Evidence of ownership of an animal or hide may include any of the following:
- a) A recorded brand registered in the name of the person in possession of the animal or hide.
 - b) A brand inspection certificate.
 - c) A bill of sale from the owner of the brand on the animal or hide.
 - d) In the case of an unbranded animal or hide, a bill of sale which gives description of the breed, sex, color or any natural markings, if any.
 - e) A dairy exemption number.
- 16525 F & A_____ It is unlawful for any person to remove any animal, hide, or carcass which is seized by an inspector or peace officer, from the premises where the inspector or peace officer confined it at the time of seizure except upon release by the Inspector or Peace Officer who made the seizure.
- 16902 F & A_____ Allow willfully, or negligently, livestock to stray onto public roadway when there are fences.
- 16903 F & A_____ Drive livestock on roadway without sufficient herders.
- 17041 F & A_____ Taker-Up make take-up on his property or on public roadway near his property.
- 17042 F & A_____ Taker-Up must notify Bureau or Peace Officer *immediately*.
- 17061 F & A_____ Taker-Up must release to inspector.

DEFINITIONS:

- 17001 Definition
Taker-Up means any person who takes up an estray animal.
- 17001.5 Definition
Estray is any animal whose owner is unknown or cannot be located.