

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1559

**Introduced by Committee on Agriculture (Cardoza (Chair),
House (Vice Chair), Brown, Ducheny, Frusetta, Machado,
Perata, Prenter, and Thomson)**

March 10, 1997

An act to amend Section 17065 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1559, as introduced, Committee on Agriculture. Estrays.

Existing law provides for the seizure and disposition of estrayed stock and domestic animals. Existing law requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to cause a notice of the taking up of the animal to remain posted for a period of 14 days on a bulletin board in each office of the Bureau of Livestock Identification.

This bill would additionally require the secretary to distribute the notice to the county department of agriculture and all sales yards and feedlots in the county in which the animal was taken up.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17065 of the Food and
2 Agricultural Code is amended to read:

1 17065. (a) If the owner is not found, and the
2 estimated value of the animal exceeds two hundred
3 twenty-five dollars (\$225), the ~~director~~ secretary shall
4 cause a notice of the taking up of, *and intent to sell* the
5 animal to ~~remain~~ *be prepared. The notice shall be*
6 *distributed to the county department of agriculture and*
7 *to sales yards and feedlots in the county in which the*
8 *animal was taken up. The secretary may limit distribution*
9 *of the notice, however, to those sales yards and feedlots*
10 *that deal in the same type of animal as the animal that is*
11 *taken up.*

12 (b) *The notice shall be posted for a period of 14 days*
13 *on a bulletin board in each office of the Bureau of*
14 *Livestock Identification. ~~It~~*

15 (c) *In addition to posting and distributing the notice,*
16 *the ~~director~~ secretary shall periodically publish a list of*
17 *the animals for which notice was given pursuant to this*
18 *section, including the brands and descriptions of the*
19 *branded animals and descriptions of the unbranded*
20 *animals in the classified section of a livestock industry*
21 *publication ~~which~~ that is in general circulation*
22 *throughout the State of California.*

