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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1997–98 REGULAR SESSION

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 amended, 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~~ *permit* 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~~ *in the state*.

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:
 3 17065. (a) If the owner is not found, and the
 4 estimated value of the animal exceeds two hundred
 5 twenty-five dollars (\$225), the secretary shall cause a
 6 notice of the taking up of, and intent to sell the animal to
 7 be prepared. The notice ~~shall~~ *may* be distributed to the
 8 county department of agriculture and ~~to sales yards and~~
 9 ~~feedlots in the county in which the animal was taken up~~
 10 *to all sales yards in the state.* The secretary may limit
 11 distribution of the notice, however, to those sales yards
 12 ~~and feedlots~~ that deal in the same type of animal as the
 13 animal that is taken up.
 14 (b) The notice shall be posted for a period of 14 days
 15 on a bulletin board in each office of the Bureau of
 16 Livestock Identification.
 17 (c) In addition to posting and distributing the notice,
 18 the secretary shall periodically publish a list of the animals
 19 for which notice was given pursuant to this section,
 20 including the brands and descriptions of the branded
 21 animals and descriptions of the unbranded animals in the
 22 classified section of a livestock industry publication that
 23 is in general circulation throughout the State of
 24 California.

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