

House Bill 2809

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Resolves conflict between penalty provisions regarding animal dealer failure to turn over dog or cat to owner.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to animals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 609.994.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 609.994 is amended to read:

5 609.994. (1) **Except as provided in ORS 609.520 (2)**, violation of ORS 609.510, 609.515 or 609.520
6 is a specific fine violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$50,000.

7 (2) A person has a cause of action for the recovery of compensatory damages from any person
8 violating ORS 164.055 (1)(e), 164.085, 609.510, 609.515 or 609.520. In the action, the minimum
9 pecuniary value of any companion animal is \$250.

10 (3) The circuit court for each county has the authority to enjoin any violation of ORS 609.510,
11 609.515 or 609.520, to issue warrants and to take such other actions as equity or justice may require.

12 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 609.994 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to sen-**
13 **tences for offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.