

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## SENATE BILL NO. 2255

Introduced by

Senator Tomac

Representatives Boehm, Renner

1 A BILL for an Act relating to dogs running at large; and to declare an emergency.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. Dogs running at large - Liability for damage or injury.** The owner of a  
4 dog may not permit the dog to run at large and cause damage. The owner of a dog is liable for  
5 any damage to the property of another person and for any injury to any individual caused by the  
6 dog running at large, as well as for any costs incurred by a political subdivision or law  
7 enforcement agency in capturing and impounding the dog. If the owner of a dog is a minor, the  
8 duties and responsibilities created by this section are imputed to the parent or legal guardian of  
9 the minor.

10 **SECTION 2. Dogs running at large - Capture.** Unless a board of county  
11 commissioners by resolution identifies another person or entity responsible for the capture and  
12 impoundment of dogs running at large, as authorized by section 11-11-14, the county sheriff  
13 shall capture any dog running at large which the sheriff believes to be dangerous and impound  
14 the dog at an animal shelter or facility designated by the board of county commissioners. If  
15 seventy-two hours after impoundment the dog remains unclaimed, the animal shelter or facility  
16 having control of the dog shall perform euthanasia or cause euthanasia to be performed on the  
17 dog.

18 **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.