

CONCEALING ESTRAYS.

CHAPTER 46.

[H. B. 180.]

RELATING TO DEFACING BRANDS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 7665 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to Concealing Estrays, Lost Goods, and Altering or Defacing Brands.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 7665 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota be amended to read as follows:

§ 7665. Any person who shall attempt to conceal any estray, or any lost goods, found or taken up by him, or alter or deface, or attempt to alter or deface, the mark or brand on any horse, mule, cow, calf, or other neat cattle, or any sheep or swine, the property of another, with the intent thereby to steal the same or to prevent identification thereof by the true owner, or carry said estray or lost goods, or any such animal, beyond the limits of the state, or knowingly permit the same to be done, or shall willfully fail to cause said estray, or lost goods, so found, to be advertised, sold or otherwise dealt with as provided by law, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by both.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is now no law providing an adequate punishment for a person who conceals estrays or lost goods or who defaces or alters marks or brands on domestic animals, an emergency exists; therefore, this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 7, 1899.