**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 844**

Animal trespass laws are about to change.

[Senate Bill 844](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=23864240) was first passed on May 3 and vetoed on June 28. The Legislature overrode the veto on Sept. 14.

Sponsor, Sen. Mike Parson of Bolivar, says the new law modifies provisions relating to livestock trespass liability…

**Parson 1 / Runs :12 / OC: on his part.**

*“If someone does damage to your property, or drives through your fence, is the main objective of this language. That person would be responsible, the landowner would not be responsible, if there was no neglect on his part.”*

During debate, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City — while pointing out the proposal deals with livestock and not neighborhood pet issues — asked about unintended consequences…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :09 / OC: should be liable.**

*“When that dog, unbeknownst to the owner of that home, crossed that fence line and bit the ear off of the other dog — who do you think should be liable?”*

The new law will take effect on Oct. 14.

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