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This bill repeals a section of law that requires a town to follow procedures to keep male animals, including stallions, bulls, rams, boars, and any "breachy" cattle from running at large. The town is obligated to notify the owner of the animal and, if the owner does not immediately confine the animal, to bring suit against the owner for forfeiture of the animal. Upon forfeiture, the town must sell the animal and deposit any proceeds, in excess of costs, in the road and bridge fund. Likewise, if the owner is not found, the animal must be sold at auction. In addition, if an animal is again permitted to run at large, the chair of the town board must have the animal castrated. A town board chair that refuses or neglects to perform the duties under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.