

HORSES.

AN ACT for the improvement of the breed of Horses.

- SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That it shall and may be lawful for any person to take up and geld, at the risk of the owner, any stud horse, of the age of two years and upwards, that may be found running at large, out of the enclosed grounds of the owner or keeper; and if the said horse shall die, the owner shall have no recourse against the person or persons who shall have taken up and gelded, or caused to be gelded, the said horse, if the same has been done by a person professing his knowledge as a gelder, and the owner shall pay the price of so gelding.
- SEC. 2.** It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to geld any horse above fourteen and a half hands high, that is known to be kept for covering mares; but if any owner or keeper of the covering horse shall wilfully and negligently suffer said horse to run at large, out of the enclosed grounds of the owner or keeper, any person may take up said horse and convey him to his owner or keeper, for which he shall receive two dollars, recoverable before any justice of the peace of the county; for a second offence, double the sum; and for a third offence, said horse may be taken up and gelded, as provided in the preceding section of this act.
- SEC. 3.** It shall be the duty of any person, who shall take up and geld any stud horse according to the provisions of the preceding sections, to take all reasonable care of said horse until his wounds shall be healed, and the taker up shall receive from the owner a reasonable compensation for the care and trouble he may have about the said horse. Such allowance shall be settled by some justice of the peace, who shall take into consideration the trouble and expense of the taker up, if the parties cannot otherwise agree. And the party, so taking up and altering, shall have a lien, until paid, upon said horse for his necessary trouble and attention in altering and taking care of him.
- APPROVED.** January 17, 1839.

Stud horses running at large may be taken up.

Gelded horses dying.

Charge to be paid by owner.

Covering horses may be taken up and conveyed to owners or keepers.

All reasonable care to be used.

Compensation to the taker up.

Lien upon the horse.