

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

S.F. No. 2068

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
02/27/2014	5892	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Higher Education and Workforce Development
03/19/2014		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to higher education; regulating certain animal research; proposing coding

1.3for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

1.4BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5Section 1. **[136A.221] RESEARCH DOGS AND CATS.**

1.6(a) A higher education research facility that receives public money or a facility

1.7that provides research in collaboration with a higher education facility that confines

1.8dogs or cats for science or research purposes and plans on destroying a dog or cat for

1.9other than science or research purposes must first offer the dog or cat to an animal

1.10rescue organization. A facility that is required to offer dogs or cats to an animal rescue

1.11organization under this section may enter into an agreement with the animal rescue

1.12organization to protect the facility. A facility that provides a dog or cat to a rescue

1.13organization under this section is immune from any civil liability that otherwise might

1.14result from its actions, provided that the facility is acting in good faith.

1.15(b) For the purposes of this section, "animal rescue organization" means any

1.16nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of rescuing animals in need and

1.17finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.