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A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; appropriating money to develop new animal health information technology.

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

**Section 1. APPROPRIATION; VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY.**

\$600,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota to develop a software tool or application through the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory that empowers veterinarians and producers to understand the movement of unique pathogen strains in livestock and poultry production systems, monitor antibiotic resistance, and implement effective biosecurity measures that promote animal health and limit production losses. The base for fiscal year 2020 is \$0.