

A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; authorizing the commissioner of agriculture to serve as a consultant to the Board of Animal Health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 35.02, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Members; officers.** The board has five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, three of whom are producers of livestock in the state, and two of whom are practicing veterinarians licensed in Minnesota. The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health, the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of the University of Minnesota may serve as consultants to the board without vote. Appointments to fill unexpired terms must be made from the classes to which the retiring members belong. The board shall elect a president and a vice-president from among its members and a veterinarian licensed in Minnesota who is not a member to be its executive director for a term of one year and until a successor qualifies. The board shall set the duties of the director.