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03/26/2026	7048a	Comm report: To pass as amended
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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to agriculture; modifying agriculture policy provisions; defining

1.3 cell-cultured food; requiring food labels to identify a product containing

1.4 cell-cultured food; defining agrivoltaics system; modifying noxious weed

1.5 provisions; modifying Cervidae farm fencing requirements; modifying immunity

1.6 for agritourism related to off-road vehicle trails; modifying plant and soil

1.7 amendment requirements; modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary

1.8 medicine and veterinary technology; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections

1.9 17.81, by adding a subdivision; 18.77, subdivision 12, by adding subdivisions;

1.10 18.771; 18.79, subdivision 2; 18.81, subdivision 3; 18.82; 18.83, subdivision 3;

1.11 18.86; 18.91, subdivision 2; 18C.005, subdivisions 6, 6a, 25, 33, by adding

1.12 subdivisions; 18C.211, subdivision 4; 18C.411, subdivision 2; 31.01, by adding

1.13 a subdivision; 31.12; 31.633; 34A.01, by adding a subdivision; 35.155, subdivision

1.14 4; 156.001, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7a, 8, 10b, by adding subdivisions; 156.01,

1.15 subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.03;

1.16 156.04; 156.05; 156.06; 156.07; 156.071; 156.072, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.076;

1.17 156.077, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 156.078; 156.081; 156.12,

1.18 subdivisions 1, 2; 156.121; 156.16, subdivisions 5, 12, 14; 156.18, subdivisions

1.19 1, 2, 4; 156.19; 604A.40, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement,

1.20 sections 18.79, subdivision 3; 156.015, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new

1.21 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 18C; 156; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024,

1.22 sections 18.77, subdivision 14; 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2;

1.23 156.02, subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2,

1.24 3, 4, 7, 8, 11; 156.20.

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

2.2

## ARTICLE 1

2.3

### AGRICULTURE POLICY

2.4 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 17.81, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 4a. **Agrivoltaic system.** "Agrivoltaic system" means the simultaneous integration  
2.7 of farming, as defined in section 41C.02, subdivision 10, and solar energy generation on  
2.8 the same land.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.10 read:

2.11 Subd. 3b. **Cultivated variety or cultivar.** "Cultivated variety" or "cultivar" means a  
2.12 named plant variety that is clonally propagated to maintain genetic uniformity.

2.13 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.14 read:

2.15 Subd. 11a. **Plant variety.** "Plant variety" means a more precisely defined group of plants,  
2.16 selected from within a species, with a common set of characteristics.

2.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.18 read:

2.19 Subd. 11b. **Propagate.** "Propagate" means to cause or continue to increase by sexual or  
2.20 asexual reproduction. Propagate includes but is not limited to germination by seed;  
2.21 regeneration of vegetative parts such as roots, stems, or leaves; and the removal of plants  
2.22 from one location and replanting at another location.

2.23 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 12. **Propagating parts.** "Propagating parts" means all plant parts, ~~including seeds,~~  
2.25 that are capable of producing new plants.

2.26 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.27 read:

2.28 Subd. 18. **Reasonable grounds.** "Reasonable grounds" means a report, a complaint,  
2.29 direct observation, or circumstantial evidence, such as the nearby presence of noxious weeds,

3.1 a history of noxious weed infestation, or other evidence from which a reasonable person  
 3.2 acting in good faith might infer the presence of noxious weeds.

3.3 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.771, is amended to read:

3.4 **18.771 NOXIOUS WEED CATEGORIES.**

3.5 Subdivision 1. Noxious weed categories. (a) For purposes of designation under section  
 3.6 18.79, subdivision 13, noxious weed category means each of the following categories:

3.7 (1) the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds category;

3.8 (2) the prohibited-control noxious weeds category;

3.9 (3) the restricted noxious weeds category;

3.10 (4) the specially regulated plants category; and

3.11 (5) the county noxious weeds category.

3.12 (b) The "prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that  
 3.13 must be eradicated on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of~~  
 3.14 ~~prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds is prohibited except as allowed under section 18.82.~~  
 3.15 Prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds may and their propagating parts must not be imported  
 3.16 into Minnesota or sold or, propagated, or transported in Minnesota, except as allowed under  
 3.17 section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated as prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds  
 3.18 and placed on the prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds list are plants that are not currently  
 3.19 known to be present in Minnesota or are not widely established in the state. All  
 3.20 prohibited-eradicate noxious weeds must be eradicated.

3.21 (c) The "prohibited-control noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that must  
 3.22 be controlled on all lands within the state. ~~Transportation of the propagating parts of~~  
 3.23 ~~prohibited-control noxious weeds is prohibited.~~ Prohibited-control noxious weeds and their  
 3.24 propagating parts must not be imported into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported  
 3.25 in Minnesota, except as allowed under section 18.82. ~~Prohibited-control noxious weeds~~  
 3.26 ~~may not be propagated or sold in Minnesota.~~ Noxious weeds that are designated as  
 3.27 prohibited-control noxious weeds and placed on the prohibited-control noxious weeds list  
 3.28 are plants that are already established throughout the state or regions of the state. At a  
 3.29 minimum, these species must be controlled in a way that prevents spread of these species  
 3.30 by seed or vegetative means.

3.31 (d) The "restricted noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds and their propagating  
 3.32 parts that ~~may~~ must not be imported, into Minnesota or sold, propagated, or transported in

4.1 the state, except as allowed by permit under section 18.82. Noxious weeds that are designated  
 4.2 as restricted and placed on the restricted list may be plants that are widely distributed in  
 4.3 Minnesota and for which a requirement of eradication or control would not be feasible on  
 4.4 a statewide basis using existing practices. The commissioner may establish a nursery  
 4.5 production phase-out period for species that will be designated as restricted.

4.6 (e) The "specially regulated plants" category includes noxious weeds ~~that may be native~~  
 4.7 ~~species or nonnative species~~ that have ~~demonstrated economic value~~ clearly defined benefits,  
 4.8 but also have the potential to cause harm in noncontrolled environments. Plants designated  
 4.9 as specially regulated have been determined to pose ecological, economical, or human or  
 4.10 animal health concerns. Species-specific management plans or rules that define the use and  
 4.11 management requirements for these plants must be developed by the commissioner of  
 4.12 agriculture for each plant designated as specially regulated. The commissioner must also  
 4.13 take measures to minimize the potential for harm caused by these plants.

4.14 (f) The "county noxious weeds" category includes noxious weeds that are designated  
 4.15 by individual county boards to be enforced as prohibited noxious weeds within the county's  
 4.16 jurisdiction and must be approved by the commissioner of agriculture, in consultation with  
 4.17 the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Each county board must submit newly proposed  
 4.18 county noxious weeds to the commissioner of agriculture for review. Approved county  
 4.19 noxious weeds ~~shall~~ must also be posted with the county's general weed notice prior to May  
 4.20 15 each year. Counties are solely responsible for developing county noxious weed lists and  
 4.21 their enforcement.

4.22 Subd. 2. Exemptions. The commissioner may designate a specific plant variety, including  
 4.23 a cultivated variety, as exempt from subdivision 1 if the commissioner finds that, based on  
 4.24 credible and sufficient documentation, the variety is bred for low seeding, the variety is  
 4.25 sterile, or, for reasons other than low seeding or sterility, the variety has low invasive  
 4.26 potential.

4.27 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.79, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

4.28 Subd. 2. **Authorized agents.** ~~County agricultural inspectors may administer and enforce~~  
 4.29 ~~sections 18.76 to 18.91. A county-designated employee may enforce sections 18.78, 18.82,~~  
 4.30 ~~18.83, 18.84, 18.86, and 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county-designated~~  
 4.31 ~~employee described by this subdivision available to the public.~~ County agricultural inspectors,  
 4.32 county-designated employees, local weed inspectors, and assistant weed inspectors are  
 4.33 authorized agents of the commissioner for their jurisdictions. A county agricultural inspector  
 4.34 or a county-designated employee must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of

5.1 sections 18.78 and 18.81 to 18.87. A county must make the identity of a county agricultural  
 5.2 inspector or county-designated employee available to the public. A local weed inspector or  
 5.3 the inspector's assistant must be responsible for the duties and enforcement of sections  
 5.4 18.78, subdivision 1; 18.81, subdivision 2; 18.82 to 18.84; 18.86; and, for a municipality,  
 5.5 18.87.

5.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 18.79, subdivision 3, is amended to  
 5.7 read:

5.8 Subd. 3. **Entry upon land.** To administer and enforce sections 18.76 to 18.91, an  
 5.9 inspector or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must contact a landowner through direct  
 5.10 communication prior to entering upon the land for a noxious weed inspection. If a landowner  
 5.11 cannot be contacted, an inspector or county-designated employee may enter upon land  
 5.12 without consent of the owner and without being subject to an action for trespass or any  
 5.13 damages. For the purposes of this subdivision, "direct communication" may include contact  
 5.14 with the landowner through an in-person visit, phone call, voice mail, text message, mail,  
 5.15 or email. A landowner ~~cannot~~ must not refuse an inspector or county-designated employee  
 5.16 ~~having probable cause to conduct an inspection for noxious weeds~~ who has reasonable  
 5.17 grounds, as defined in section 18.77, subdivision 18, to believe that noxious weeds may be  
 5.18 present on their lands. Within five business days of a completed inspection, the inspector  
 5.19 or county-designated employee ~~shall~~ must provide the landowner with a copy of the  
 5.20 inspection report, including further actions if applicable.

5.21 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.81, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

5.22 Subd. 3. **Nonperformance by inspectors; reimbursement for expenses.** If local weed  
 5.23 inspectors neglect or fail to do their duty as prescribed in this section, the county agricultural  
 5.24 inspector or county-designated employee, ~~in consultation with the commissioner,~~ may issue  
 5.25 a notice to the inspector providing instructions on how and when to do their duty. If, after  
 5.26 the time allowed in the notice, the local weed inspector has not complied as directed, the  
 5.27 county agricultural inspector or county-designated employee may consult with the  
 5.28 ~~commissioner~~ county attorney or county board to perform the duty for the local weed  
 5.29 inspector. A claim for the expense of doing the local weed inspector's duty is a legal charge  
 5.30 against the municipality in which the inspector has jurisdiction. The county agricultural  
 5.31 inspector or county-designated employee overseeing the work may file an itemized statement  
 5.32 of costs with the clerk of the municipality in which the work was performed. The municipality  
 5.33 ~~shall~~ must immediately issue proper warrants to the county for the work performed. If the  
 5.34 municipality fails to issue the warrants, the county auditor may include the amount contained

6.1 in the itemized statement of costs as part of the next annual tax levy in the municipality and  
6.2 withhold that amount from the municipality in making its next apportionment.

6.3 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.82, is amended to read:

6.4 **18.82 TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION OF NOXIOUS WEED**  
6.5 **PROPAGATING PARTS.**

6.6 Subdivision 1. **Permits required.** Transporting noxious weed propagating parts without  
6.7 a permit on public roads in the state or possessing noxious weed propagating parts in the  
6.8 state without a permit is prohibited, except as provided in section 21.74.

6.9 Subd. 1a. Permits. (a) If a person wants to transport noxious weed propagating parts  
6.10 along on a public roadway road, including materials or equipment containing the propagating  
6.11 parts of noxious weeds, the person must secure a written permit for transportation from the  
6.12 commissioner, an inspector, or a county-designated employee. Inspectors or  
6.13 county-designated employees may issue permits to persons residing or operating within  
6.14 their jurisdiction. A permit is not required for the transport of noxious weeds for the purpose  
6.15 of destroying propagating parts at an appropriate disposal site. Anyone transporting noxious  
6.16 weed propagating parts for the purpose of disposal at an appropriate disposal site shall must  
6.17 ensure that all materials are contained in a manner that prevents escape during transport  
6.18 and complies with section 115A.931.

6.19 (b) A person must obtain a permit from the commissioner before possessing noxious  
6.20 weeds with propagating parts for research, education and outreach, or other reasons approved  
6.21 by the commissioner.

6.22 Subd. 2. **Conditions of permit issuance.** ~~The following conditions must be met before~~  
6.23 ~~a permit under subdivision 1 may be issued:~~ Any person requesting a permit under  
6.24 subdivision 1a must provide the following information in writing to the commissioner, an  
6.25 inspector, or a county-designated employee for a specific jurisdiction before the  
6.26 commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issues a permit under this section:

6.27 ~~(1) any material or equipment containing noxious weed propagating parts that is about~~  
6.28 ~~to be transported along a public roadway must be in a container that is sufficiently tight and~~  
6.29 ~~closed or otherwise covered to prevent the blowing or scattering of the material along the~~  
6.30 ~~highway or on other lands or water;~~

6.31 ~~(2) the destination for unloading and the use of the material or equipment containing~~  
6.32 ~~noxious weed propagating parts must be stated on the permit along with the method that~~

7.1 ~~will be used to destroy the viability of the propagating parts and thereby prevent the material~~  
 7.2 ~~being dumped or scattered upon land or water; and~~

7.3 ~~(3) the applicant for a permit for possession of noxious weed propagating parts must~~  
 7.4 ~~agree to follow the guidelines listed on the permit by the inspector.~~

7.5 (1) a description of the process that the person will use to ensure that the exterior of any  
 7.6 vehicle or equipment being used for transportation is free from noxious weed materials and  
 7.7 their propagating parts;

7.8 (2) a description of the manner in which the person will securely contain noxious weed  
 7.9 materials and their propagating parts to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and  
 7.10 their propagating parts during transport in compliance with section 115A.931;

7.11 (3) a description of the specific locations where research will occur and a description of  
 7.12 how the location is designed to prevent the escape of noxious weed materials and their  
 7.13 propagating parts;

7.14 (4) a description of the established processes that the person will use to monitor and  
 7.15 protect research locations from the escape of noxious weed materials and their propagating  
 7.16 parts during research and after the research has been completed;

7.17 (5) a description of the purpose of using noxious weed materials, such as a description  
 7.18 of how the noxious weed materials will be used for education and outreach, and how  
 7.19 containers holding the materials will be designed to prevent the escape of the noxious weed  
 7.20 materials and their propagating parts;

7.21 (6) a description of the process for destroying noxious weed materials and their  
 7.22 propagating parts after the completion of use according to the permit;

7.23 (7) a description of the location where noxious weed materials and their propagating  
 7.24 parts will be destroyed after the completion of use according to the permit; and

7.25 (8) any specific information required by the commissioner.

7.26 Subd. 3. **Duration of permit; inspection; revocation.** A permit under subdivision 1a  
 7.27 is valid for up to one year after the date it is issued unless otherwise specified by the  
 7.28 commissioner, inspector, or county-designated employee issuing the permit. Any person  
 7.29 receiving a permit must allow inspection by the issuing authority to ensure that all permit  
 7.30 requirements are met. The permit may be revoked if an the commissioner, inspector, or  
 7.31 county-designated employee determines that the applicant has not complied with this section.

8.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.83, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

8.2 Subd. 3. **Appeal of individual notice; appeal committee.** ~~(1)~~ (a) A recipient of an  
 8.3 individual notice may appeal, in writing, the order for control or eradication of noxious  
 8.4 weeds. This appeal must be filed with a member of the appeal committee in the county  
 8.5 where the land is located within two working days of the time the notice is received. The  
 8.6 committee must inspect the land specified in the notice and report back to the recipient and  
 8.7 the inspector or county-designated employee who issued the notice within five working  
 8.8 days, either agreeing with, disagreeing with, or revising the order. The decision may be  
 8.9 appealed in district court. If the committee agrees with or revises the order, the control or  
 8.10 eradication specified in the order, as approved or revised by the committee, may be carried  
 8.11 out.

8.12 ~~(2)~~ (b) The county board ~~shall~~ must appoint members of the appeal committee. The  
 8.13 membership must include a county commissioner or municipal official and a landowner  
 8.14 residing in the county. The expenses of the members may be reimbursed by the county upon  
 8.15 submission of an itemized statement to the county auditor. At its option, the county board,  
 8.16 by resolution, may delegate the duties of the appeal committee to its board of adjustment  
 8.17 established pursuant to section 394.27. When carrying out the duties of the appeal committee,  
 8.18 the zoning board of adjustment ~~shall~~ must comply with all of the procedural requirements  
 8.19 of this section.

8.20 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.86, is amended to read:

8.21 **18.86 UNLAWFUL ACTS.**

8.22 No person may:

8.23 (1) hinder or obstruct in any way an inspector or county-designated employee in the  
 8.24 performance of duties under sections 18.76 to 18.91 or related rules;

8.25 (2) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with section 18.82 ~~or related rules in the~~  
 8.26 ~~transportation and use of material or equipment infested with noxious weed propagating~~  
 8.27 ~~parts;~~

8.28 (3) sell material containing noxious weed propagating parts to a person who does not  
 8.29 have a permit to transport that material or to a person who does not have a screenings permit  
 8.30 issued in accordance with section 21.74; or

8.31 (4) neglect, fail, or refuse to comply with a general notice or an individual notice to  
 8.32 control or eradicate noxious weeds.

9.1 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.91, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

9.2 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The commissioner ~~shall~~ must appoint and approve members;  
9.3 ~~which shall include~~ who have successfully completed the application process with the  
9.4 secretary of state, including representatives from the following:

9.5 (1) the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota;

9.6 (2) the Department of Agronomy at the University of Minnesota;

9.7 (3) the Department of Forest Resources at the University of Minnesota;

9.8 (4) the nursery and landscape industry in Minnesota;

9.9 (5) the seed industry in Minnesota;

9.10 (6) the Department of Agriculture;

9.11 (7) the Department of Natural Resources;

9.12 (8) a conservation organization;

9.13 (9) an environmental organization;

9.14 (10) at least two farm organizations;

9.15 (11) the county agricultural inspectors;

9.16 (12) city governments;

9.17 (13) township governments;

9.18 (14) county governments;

9.19 (15) the Department of Transportation;

9.20 (16) the University of Minnesota Extension;

9.21 (17) the timber and forestry industry in Minnesota;

9.22 (18) the Board of Water and Soil Resources;

9.23 (19) soil and water conservation districts;

9.24 (20) the Minnesota Association of County Land Commissioners; and

9.25 (21) other members as needed.

10.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision  
10.2 to read:

10.3 Subd. 1d. **Active ingredient.** "Active ingredient" means an ingredient present in a  
10.4 fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance that is a plant nutrient  
10.5 or a soil or plant amending ingredient.

10.6 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

10.7 ~~Subd. 6. **Compost.** "Compost" is a biologically stable material derived from the~~  
10.8 ~~composting process~~ has the meaning given in section 18C.132, subdivision 1.

10.9 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

10.10 ~~Subd. 6a. **Composting.** "Composting" is the biological decomposition of organic matter.~~  
10.11 ~~It is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or anaerobic~~  
10.12 ~~decay or both. The process inhibits pathogens, viable weed seeds, and odors~~ has the meaning  
10.13 given in section 18C.132, subdivision 2.

10.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision  
10.15 to read:

10.16 Subd. 15b. **Inert ingredient.** "Inert ingredient" means an ingredient that is not an active  
10.17 ingredient in a specialty fertilizer, soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance.

10.18 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 25, is amended to read:

10.19 **Subd. 25. Plant amendment.** "Plant amendment" means a substance applied to plants  
10.20 or seeds that is intended to improve germination, growth, yield, product quality, reproduction,  
10.21 flavor, or other desirable characteristics of plants, including beneficial substances and plant  
10.22 biostimulants, except fertilizers, soil amendments, agricultural liming materials, pesticides,  
10.23 and other materials that are exempted by rule.

10.24 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, is amended by adding a subdivision  
10.25 to read:

10.26 Subd. 25a. **Plant biostimulant.** "Plant biostimulant" means a substance, microorganism,  
10.27 or mixture thereof that, when applied to seeds, plants, the rhizosphere, soil, or other growth  
10.28 media, supports a plant's natural nutrition processes independently of the biostimulant's  
10.29 nutrient content and improves nutrient availability, uptake, or use efficiency; tolerance to  
10.30 abiotic stress; and consequent growth, development, quality, or yield.

11.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.005, subdivision 33, is amended to read:

11.2 Subd. 33. **Soil amendment.** "Soil amendment" means a substance intended to improve  
 11.3 the structural, physical, chemical, biochemical, or biological characteristics of the soil or  
 11.4 modify organic matter at or near the soil surface, including beneficial substances, except  
 11.5 fertilizers, agricultural liming materials, pesticides, and other materials exempted by the  
 11.6 commissioner's rules.

11.7 Sec. 22. **[18C.132] COMPOST AND COMPOSTING.**

11.8 Subdivision 1. **Compost.** "Compost" is the product manufactured through the controlled  
 11.9 aerobic, biological decomposition of biodegradable materials. The product has undergone  
 11.10 mesophilic and thermophilic temperatures, which significantly reduces the viability of  
 11.11 pathogens and weed seeds and stabilizes the carbon such that it is beneficial to plant growth.  
 11.12 Compost is typically used as a soil amendment but may also contribute plant nutrients.

11.13 Subd. 2. **Composting.** "Composting" is the biological decomposition of organic matter.  
 11.14 Composting is accomplished by mixing and piling in such a way as to promote aerobic or  
 11.15 anaerobic decay, or both. Composting is a process that inhibits pathogens, viable weed  
 11.16 seeds, and odors.

11.17 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.211, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

11.18 Subd. 4. **Guaranteed analysis of soil or plant amendment or beneficial substance.** The  
 11.19 guaranteed analysis of a soil amendment ~~or~~, plant amendment, or beneficial substance must  
 11.20 be an accurate statement of composition including the percentages of each active ingredient.  
 11.21 If the product is a microbiological product, the number of viable microorganisms per milliliter  
 11.22 for a liquid ~~or~~, the number of viable microorganisms per gram, or any other acceptable units  
 11.23 for a ~~dry~~ product must also be listed.

11.24 Sec. 24. **[18C.217] SOIL AMENDMENT, PLANT AMENDMENT, AND**  
 11.25 **BENEFICIAL SUBSTANCE LABELING.**

11.26 (a) A person may not sell or distribute a soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial  
 11.27 substance in bags or other containers in this state unless a label is placed on or affixed to  
 11.28 the bag or container stating in a clear, legible, and conspicuous form the following  
 11.29 information:

11.30 (1) the product name;

11.31 (2) the net weight or net volume expressed in imperial and metric measurements;

- 12.1 (3) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 12.2 (4) a statement identifying the purpose of the product;
- 12.3 (5) directions for use; and
- 12.4 (6) the guaranteed analysis of each active ingredient.
- 12.5 (b) If the soil amendment, plant amendment, or beneficial substance contains
- 12.6 microorganisms, the label must include an expiration date and recommended storage
- 12.7 conditions.
- 12.8 (c) The label is not required to list inert ingredients.
- 12.9 (d) A person selling or distributing a bulk shipment of soil amendments, plant
- 12.10 amendments, or beneficial substances to a singular, end consumer may provide the purchaser
- 12.11 with a single printed form with the information required in paragraphs (a) and (b) instead
- 12.12 of placing or affixing a label on the bulk bag or container.
- 12.13 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18C.411, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 12.14 Subd. 2. **Application.** The application for registration must include:
- 12.15 (1) for specialty fertilizers:
- 12.16 (i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 12.17 (ii) the brand and grade;
- 12.18 (iii) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211;
- 12.19 (iv) the sources from which nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, or other elements or
- 12.20 materials are derived; and
- 12.21 (v) the amount and formulas of inert ingredients; and
- 12.22 (2) for soil amendments and plant amendments:
- 12.23 (i) the name and address of the guarantor and registrant;
- 12.24 (ii) the brand name;
- 12.25 (iii) the sources from which the ingredients used in the product are derived; ~~and~~
- 12.26 (iv) the guaranteed analysis as required by section 18C.211; and
- 12.27 (v) a certificate of composition that describes the amount and formulas of each inert
- 12.28 ingredient and beneficial substance included in the formula.

13.1 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
13.2 read:

13.3 Subd. 33. **Cell-cultured food.** "Cell-cultured food" has the meaning given in section  
13.4 34A.01, subdivision 1a.

13.5 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.12, is amended to read:

13.6 **31.12 LABELING.**

13.7 (a) For the purpose of preventing fraud and deception in the manufacture, use, sale, and  
13.8 transportation of food, or for the purpose of protecting and preserving the public health, it  
13.9 shall be the duty of the commissioner, by rulings not inconsistent with law, to require that  
13.10 any article of food, or the package, receptacle, or container thereof, before it be sold,  
13.11 transported, used, offered for sale or transportation, or had in possession with intent to use,  
13.12 sell or transport within this state, shall be labeled, stamped, stenciled, marked, or branded  
13.13 in such manner as to plainly exhibit to the purchaser any or all of the following data or  
13.14 information: The percentages and true composition of such food article, its quality, strength,  
13.15 quantity, source of its manufacture or production or the person by or for whom the same is  
13.16 manufactured, produced, packed, or shipped. The commissioner shall also have authority  
13.17 to prescribe by such rulings the date on which the same shall take effect and be in force,  
13.18 and also the form, size, style, and wording of, and the place, time, method, means and  
13.19 manner of use of all such labels, stamps, stencils, brands, and markings, which rulings shall  
13.20 be made in the manner provided by law. Until such rulings are made and in effect the rulings  
13.21 heretofore made by the commissioner shall remain in full force and effect, except as otherwise  
13.22 prescribed by law. Any person who shall fail to comply with such ruling or rulings shall be  
13.23 guilty of a misdemeanor.

13.24 (b) If a product contains cell-cultured food, a statement must be labeled, stamped,  
13.25 stenciled, marked, or branded on the package in such a manner as to plainly exhibit to the  
13.26 purchaser that the food contains cell-cultured food. A person is in violation of this paragraph  
13.27 if the person (1) knowingly sells or offers for sale a product containing cell-cultured food  
13.28 that is not labeled as required, or (2) reasonably should have known that the product contains  
13.29 cell-cultured food based on information provided by the manufacturer, distributor, or supplier.

14.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 31.633, is amended to read:

14.2 **31.633 MEAT OR POULTRY SUBSTITUTES; INDICATION ON MENU;**  
 14.3 **PENALTIES.**

14.4 Subdivision 1. ~~Menu requirement~~ Meat or poultry substitutes. Any restaurant, eating  
 14.5 place, or other establishment serving meat or poultry in any form to the public that has any  
 14.6 filler or meat or poultry substitute added to it or incorporated in it, shall clearly and  
 14.7 prominently indicate on its menu or bill of fare the meat entrees that contain filler or meat  
 14.8 or poultry substitutes.

14.9 Subd. 3. Cell-cultured food. Any restaurant, eating place, or other establishment serving  
 14.10 cell-cultured food to the public must clearly and prominently indicate on its menu or bill  
 14.11 of fare the menu items that contain cell-cultured food.

14.12 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 34A.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 14.13 read:

14.14 Subd. 1a. Cell-cultured food. "Cell-cultured food" means a food grown from animal  
 14.15 or plant cells in a controlled environment.

14.16 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

14.17 Subd. 4. **Fencing.** Farmed Cervidae must be confined in a manner designed to prevent  
 14.18 escape. All perimeter fences for farmed Cervidae must be at least 96 inches in height and  
 14.19 be constructed and maintained in a way that prevents the escape of farmed Cervidae, or  
 14.20 ~~entry into the premises by free-roaming Cervidae, and physical contact between farmed~~  
 14.21 ~~Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae.~~ The Board of Animal Health or commissioner of  
 14.22 natural resources may determine whether the construction and maintenance of fencing is  
 14.23 adequate to prevent ~~physical contact or escape~~ or entry under this subdivision and may  
 14.24 compel corrective action when fencing is determined to be inadequate. All new fencing  
 14.25 installed and all fencing used to repair deficiencies must be high tensile. All entry areas for  
 14.26 farmed Cervidae enclosure areas must have two redundant gates, which must be maintained  
 14.27 to prevent the escape of animals through an open gate. If a fence deficiency allows entry  
 14.28 or exit by farmed or wild Cervidae, the owner must immediately repair the deficiency. All  
 14.29 other deficiencies must be repaired within a reasonable time, as determined by the Board  
 14.30 of Animal Health, not to exceed 14 days. If a fence deficiency is detected during an  
 14.31 inspection, the facility must be reinspected at least once in the subsequent three months.  
 14.32 The farmed Cervidae owner must pay a reinspection fee equal to one-half the applicable  
 14.33 annual inspection fee under subdivision 7a for each reinspection related to a fence violation.

15.1 If the facility experiences more than one escape incident in any six-month period or fails  
 15.2 to correct a deficiency found during an inspection, the board may revoke the facility's  
 15.3 registration and order the owner to remove or destroy the animals as directed by the board.  
 15.4 If the board revokes a facility's registration, the commissioner of natural resources may  
 15.5 seize and destroy animals at the facility.

15.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

15.7 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 604A.40, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

15.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in paragraphs  
 15.9 (b) to (g) have the meanings given them.

15.10 (b) "Agricultural products" means livestock, aquacultural, poultry, horticultural,  
 15.11 floricultural, viticultural, silvicultural, or other products of a farm or ranch.

15.12 (c) "Agritourism activity" means activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows  
 15.13 organizations or members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable,  
 15.14 or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including, but not  
 15.15 limited to: farming; viticulture; winemaking; ranching; off-road vehicle trails; and historical,  
 15.16 cultural, farm stay, gleaning, harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions. An  
 15.17 activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the  
 15.18 activity.

15.19 (d) "Agritourism professional" means a person who is engaged in providing one or more  
 15.20 agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.

15.21 (e) "Farm or ranch" means one or more areas of land used for the production, cultivation,  
 15.22 growing, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products.

15.23 (f) "Inherent risks of agritourism activity" means dangers or conditions that are an integral  
 15.24 part of an agritourism activity including but not limited to:

15.25 (1) natural hazards and conditions of land, vegetation, and waters including surface and  
 15.26 subsurface conditions;

15.27 (2) the behavior of wild or domestic animals; and

15.28 (3) ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming or ranching  
 15.29 operations.

15.30 (g) "Participant" means a person, other than an agritourism professional, who engages  
 15.31 in an agritourism activity and who has the capacity to understand the inherent risks of  
 15.32 agricultural tourism.

16.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2026, and applies to causes  
 16.2 of action accruing on or after that date.

16.3 Sec. 32. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

16.4 (a) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions of Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.5 18.77, listed in column A to the references listed in column B. The revisor must make  
 16.6 necessary cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules consistent  
 16.7 with the renumbering.

16.8	<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
16.9	<u>subdivision 2a</u>	<u>subdivision 2e</u>
16.10	<u>subdivision 2b</u>	<u>subdivision 2f</u>
16.11	<u>subdivision 13</u>	<u>subdivision 8b</u>
16.12	<u>subdivision 15</u>	<u>subdivision 2d</u>
16.13	<u>subdivision 16</u>	<u>subdivision 2c</u>
16.14	<u>subdivision 17</u>	<u>subdivision 5b</u>

16.15 (b) The revisor of statutes must renumber the subdivisions in Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.16 18C.005, in alphabetical order and correct all cross-references.

16.17 Sec. 33. **REPEALER.**

16.18 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18.77, subdivision 14, is repealed.

## 16.19 **ARTICLE 2**

### 16.20 **VETERINARY MEDICINE**

16.21 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

16.22 Subd. 2. **Accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine.** "Accredited or  
 16.23 approved college of veterinary medicine" means a any veterinary college, school, or division  
 16.24 of a university or college that offers the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or its  
 16.25 equivalent and that conforms to the standards required for accreditation or approval by the  
 16.26 American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education.

16.27 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 16.28 read:

16.29 Subd. 2a. **Accredited program of veterinary technology.** "Accredited program of  
 16.30 veterinary technology" means any postsecondary educational program that offers a degree

17.1 in veterinary technology or its equivalent and is accredited by the American Veterinary  
17.2 Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities.

17.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

17.4 Subd. 3. **Animal.** "Animal" ~~does not include poultry~~ means any organism, except humans,  
17.5 that has sensation and the power of voluntary movement and that requires oxygen and  
17.6 organic nutrients.

17.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.8 read:

17.9 Subd. 4a. **Client.** "Client" means a patient's owner, owner's agent, or other person  
17.10 presenting a patient for care.

17.11 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

17.12 Subd. 5. **Compensation.** "Compensation" includes but is not limited to all fees, monetary  
17.13 rewards, discounts, remunerations, and emoluments received directly or indirectly.

17.14 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.15 read:

17.16 Subd. 5b. **Consent.** "Consent" means verbal or written permission given by a client for  
17.17 performing an examination, administering a diagnostic test, administering a procedure, or  
17.18 providing treatment to a patient. Consent includes permission that is express or implied  
17.19 from the circumstances.

17.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.21 read:

17.22 Subd. 5c. **Consulting.** "Consulting" means seeking and receiving advice in person, by  
17.23 telephone, electronically, or by any other method of communication from a licensed  
17.24 veterinarian or any other person whose expertise, in the opinion of the person seeking advice,  
17.25 would benefit the management of the case.

17.26 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
17.27 read:

17.28 Subd. 5d. **Dispensing.** "Dispensing" means distributing veterinary drugs requiring a  
17.29 prescription for the use of a patient, over-the-counter veterinary drugs for the use of a patient,

18.1 or human drugs for the extra-label use of a patient by a person licensed as a pharmacist by  
18.2 the Board of Pharmacy or a person licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

18.3 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
18.4 read:

18.5 Subd. 5e. **Donor.** "Donor" means:

18.6 (1) an individual at least 18 years of age if the drug or medical supply that is donated is  
18.7 obtained legally and meets the requirements of section 151.555 for donation; or

18.8 (2) any entity legally authorized to possess medicine with a license or permit in good  
18.9 standing in the state in which the entity is located, without further restrictions, including  
18.10 but not limited to a health care facility, skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility,  
18.11 pharmacy, wholesaler, and drug manufacturer.

18.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
18.13 to read:

18.14 Subd. 6b. **Emergency stabilization.** "Emergency stabilization" means care provided to  
18.15 a patient that has a life-threatening condition when immediate treatment is necessary to  
18.16 sustain the patient's life, prevent the deterioration of the patient's bodily functions, or alleviate  
18.17 or end the patient's suffering.

18.18 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
18.19 to read:

18.20 Subd. 6c. **Extra-label use.** "Extra-label use" means the actual or intended use of a human  
18.21 drug or veterinary drug in the treatment of an animal in a manner that is not in accordance  
18.22 with the drug's labeling.

18.23 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 7a, is amended to read:

18.24 Subd. 7a. **Licensed veterinary technician or veterinary technician.** "Licensed  
18.25 veterinary technician" or "veterinary technician" means a person licensed by the board under  
18.26 section 156.077.

18.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

19.1 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.2 to read:

19.3 Subd. 7b. **Licensed veterinarian.** "Licensed veterinarian" means any veterinarian who  
19.4 holds an active license from the board under section 156.02 to practice veterinary medicine  
19.5 in the state.

19.6 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

19.7 Subd. 8. **Licensee.** "Licensee" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine  
19.8 or veterinary technology in the state of Minnesota.

19.9 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.10 to read:

19.11 Subd. 9a. **Patient.** "Patient" means any animal or group of animals receiving veterinary  
19.12 care from a licensed veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician.

19.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.14 to read:

19.15 Subd. 9b. **Person.** "Person" means any individual; firm; partnership, including a general,  
19.16 limited, or limited liability partnership; association; joint venture; cooperative; corporation;  
19.17 limited liability company; or any other group or combination acting in concert, and whether  
19.18 or not acting as a principal, partner, member, trustee, fiduciary, receiver, or as any other  
19.19 kind of legal or personal representative, or as the successor in interest, assignee, agent,  
19.20 factor, servant, employee, director, officer, or any other representative of the person.

19.21 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
19.22 to read:

19.23 Subd. 9c. **Physical rehabilitation.** "Physical rehabilitation" means the use of therapeutic  
19.24 exercise and the application of modalities intended to restore or facilitate a patient's  
19.25 movement and physical function impacted by disease, injury, or disability.

19.26 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, subdivision 10b, is amended to read:

19.27 Subd. 10b. **Remote supervision.** "Remote supervision" means:

19.28 (1) a veterinarian is not ~~on the premises~~ available to provide direct supervision but is  
19.29 acquainted with the keeping and care of an animal by virtue of an examination of the animal  
19.30 or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept; and

20.1 (2) the supervising veterinarian has given written or oral instructions to a licensed  
20.2 veterinary technician for ongoing care of an animal and is available by telephone or other  
20.3 form of immediate communication; ~~and~~.

20.4 ~~(3) the employee treating the animal timely enters into the animal's medical record~~  
20.5 ~~documentation of the treatment provided and the documentation is reviewed by the~~  
20.6 ~~veterinarian.~~

20.7 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
20.8 to read:

20.9 Subd. 10c. **Surgery.** "Surgery" means a treatment that is performed for the purpose of  
20.10 structurally altering a patient through the incision or destruction of tissues in the practice  
20.11 of veterinary medicine.

20.12 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
20.13 to read:

20.14 Subd. 10d. **Telemedicine.** "Telemedicine" means the practice of veterinary medicine  
20.15 through the use of telecommunications technology that allows a licensed veterinarian with  
20.16 a properly established veterinarian-client-patient relationship to virtually evaluate, virtually  
20.17 diagnose, and virtually treat a patient.

20.18 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
20.19 to read:

20.20 Subd. 10e. **Teletriage.** "Teletriage" means a safe, appropriate, and timely assessment  
20.21 and management of a patient, including providing first aid or making an immediate referral  
20.22 to a licensed veterinarian, without the need for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship and  
20.23 under uncertain and urgent conditions, by telephone or electronically. Teletriage does not  
20.24 include providing a diagnosis to a patient.

20.25 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
20.26 to read:

20.27 Subd. 10f. **Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means an individual who has received a doctor  
20.28 of veterinary medicine degree or its equivalent from an accredited or approved college of  
20.29 veterinary medicine or is the holder of an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate.

21.1 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.2 to read:

21.3 Subd. 10g. **Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.** "Veterinarian-client-patient  
21.4 relationship" has the meaning given in section 156.16, subdivision 12.

21.5 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.6 to read:

21.7 Subd. 10h. **Veterinary medical facility.** "Veterinary medical facility" means the  
21.8 premises, office, unit, structure, mobile unit, or area used for the practice of veterinary  
21.9 medicine. Veterinary medical facility does not include the premises of an owner when the  
21.10 owner's animal is treated on the owner's premises.

21.11 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.12 to read:

21.13 Subd. 11a. **Veterinary specialist.** "Veterinary specialist" means a veterinarian who has  
21.14 been awarded and maintains certification from a veterinary specialty organization recognized  
21.15 by the American Veterinary Medical Association or other veterinary specialty organization  
21.16 that maintains comparable certification requirements as determined by the board.

21.17 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.18 to read:

21.19 Subd. 11b. **Veterinary Technician National Exam.** "Veterinary Technician National  
21.20 Exam" means the examination administered by the American Association of Veterinary  
21.21 State Boards to evaluate the competency of entry-level veterinary technicians and veterinary  
21.22 technologists.

21.23 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
21.24 to read:

21.25 Subd. 11c. **Veterinary technician specialist.** "Veterinary technician specialist" means  
21.26 a veterinary technician or veterinary technologist who has been awarded and maintains  
21.27 certification from a veterinary technician specialty academy recognized by the National  
21.28 Association of Veterinary Technicians in America or another veterinary technician specialty  
21.29 organization that maintains comparable certification requirements as determined by the  
21.30 board.

22.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision  
22.2 to read:

22.3 Subd. 11d. **Veterinary technologist.** "Veterinary technologist" means a person who has  
22.4 earned a baccalaureate degree in veterinary technology from a four-year program accredited  
22.5 by the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician  
22.6 Education and Activities or the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

22.7 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

22.8 Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** There is hereby created a state Board of  
22.9 Veterinary Medicine ~~which shall consist~~ that consists of nine board members. Two members  
22.10 must be public members as defined by section 214.02 and five licensed veterinarians  
22.11 appointed by the governor, five members must be licensed veterinarians appointed by the  
22.12 governor, one member must be a licensed veterinary technician appointed by the governor,  
22.13 and one member must be a licensed veterinarian appointed by the governor or a licensed  
22.14 veterinary technician appointed by the governor. Each appointee ~~shall~~ must be a resident  
22.15 of the state of Minnesota, and the veterinarian and veterinary technician members of the  
22.16 board ~~shall~~ must have practiced veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state  
22.17 for at least five years prior to their appointment. Membership terms, compensation of  
22.18 members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and  
22.19 reporting requirements ~~shall~~ must be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision  
22.20 of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints;  
22.21 the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations ~~shall~~ must be as  
22.22 provided in chapter 214.

22.23 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

22.24 Subd. 3. **Officers.** The board ~~shall~~ must elect from its number a president and ~~such~~ other  
22.25 officers as are necessary, all from within its membership. One person may hold the offices  
22.26 of both secretary and treasurer. ~~The board shall have a seal and the power to subpoena~~  
22.27 ~~witnesses, to administer oaths, and take testimony. It shall make, alter, or amend rules that~~  
22.28 ~~are necessary to carry this chapter into effect. It shall hold examinations for applicants for~~  
22.29 ~~license to engage in veterinary practice at a time and place of its own choosing. Notice of~~  
22.30 ~~an examination must be posted 90 days before the date set for the examination in all~~  
22.31 ~~veterinary schools approved by the board in the state, and must be published in the American~~  
22.32 ~~Association of Veterinary State Boards "Directory of Veterinary Licensure Requirements."~~

23.1 ~~The board may hold other meetings it deems necessary; but no meeting shall exceed three~~  
 23.2 ~~days duration.~~

23.3 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 23.4 read:

23.5 Subd. 3a. **Duties and authority of the board.** (a) The board may subpoena witnesses,  
 23.6 administer oaths, and take testimony.

23.7 (b) The board may adopt and amend rules that are necessary to implement this chapter.

23.8 (c) The board must administer examinations to applicants for licenses to practice  
 23.9 veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

23.10 (d) The board may hold any meeting that the board deems necessary, except that a  
 23.11 meeting held by the board must not exceed three days in duration.

23.12 (e) The board must have a seal.

23.13 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 156.015, subdivision 4, is amended  
 23.14 to read:

23.15 Subd. 4. **License verification.** The board may charge a fee not to exceed \$25 per license  
 23.16 verification to a licensee for verification of the person's licensure status provided to ~~other~~  
 23.17 another veterinary licensing ~~boards~~ board.

23.18 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

23.19 Subdivision 1. **License application.** (a) An application for a license to practice veterinary  
 23.20 medicine in this state ~~shall~~ must be made in writing to the Board of Veterinary Medicine  
 23.21 upon a form furnished by the board, accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant  
 23.22 is at least 18 years of age, is of good moral character, and has one of the following:

23.23 (1) a diploma conferring the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine, or an equivalent  
 23.24 degree, from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine;

23.25 (2) an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate; or

23.26 (3) a certificate from the dean of an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine  
 23.27 stating that the applicant is a student in good standing expecting to be graduated at the  
 23.28 completion of the current academic year of the college in which the applicant is enrolled.

23.29 (b) The application shall must contain the information and material required by  
 23.30 subdivision 2 and any other information that the board may, in its sound judgment, require.

24.1 The application ~~shall~~ must be filed with the board at least 60 days before the date of the  
 24.2 examination. If the board deems it advisable, it may require that ~~such~~ the application ~~be~~ is  
 24.3 verified by the oath of the applicant.

24.4 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

24.5 Subd. 2. **Required with application.** Every application ~~shall~~ must contain ~~the following~~  
 24.6 ~~information and material:~~

24.7 (1) ~~the nonrefundable application fee set by the board in the form of a check or money~~  
 24.8 ~~order payable to the board, which fee is not returnable in the event permission to take the~~  
 24.9 ~~examination is denied for good cause;~~

24.10 (2) one of the following:

24.11 (i) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine  
 24.12 ~~or a certificate from the dean or secretary of an accredited or approved college of veterinary~~  
 24.13 ~~medicine showing the time spent in the school and the date when the applicant was duly~~  
 24.14 ~~and regularly graduated or will duly and regularly graduate;~~

24.15 (ii) an official transcript as proof of the applicant's degree; ~~or verification~~

24.16 (iii) if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine, a certificate  
 24.17 of satisfactory completion of the ECFVG or PAVE certification program with a copy of  
 24.18 the applicant's diploma and a translation of the diploma if the diploma is not in English;  
 24.19 and

24.20 (3) ~~affidavits of at least two veterinarians and three adults who are not related to the~~  
 24.21 ~~applicant setting forth how long a time, when, and under what circumstances they have~~  
 24.22 ~~known the applicant, and any other facts as may be proper to enable the board to determine~~  
 24.23 ~~the qualifications of the applicant; and~~

24.24 (4) (3) if the applicant has served in the armed forces, a copy of discharge papers.

24.25 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.03, is amended to read:

24.26 **156.03 EXAMINATION; PAYMENT.**

24.27 Upon filing the application and any other papers; affidavits, if applicable; or proof that  
 24.28 the Board of Veterinary Medicine may require, together with the payment of the application  
 24.29 fee and appropriate examination fee as set by the board, the board ~~shall issue~~ must make  
 24.30 available to the applicant a permit to take the national examination in veterinary medicine  
 24.31 ~~and the online Minnesota Veterinary Jurisprudence Examination Exam.~~ All applicants must

25.1 be evaluated using an examination prescribed by the board. A passing score for the ~~national~~  
 25.2 ~~examination~~ North American Veterinary Licensing Examination must be the criterion  
 25.3 referenced passing score as determined by the ~~National Board Examination Committee~~  
 25.4 International Council for Veterinary Assessment.

25.5 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.04, is amended to read:

25.6 **156.04 BOARD TO ISSUE LICENSE.**

25.7 The Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~shall~~ must issue a license to practice veterinary  
 25.8 medicine to every applicant who:

25.9 (1) has successfully passed the required examination, ~~who~~; and

25.10 (2) either:

25.11 (i) has received a diploma conferring the degree of doctor of veterinary medicine or an  
 25.12 equivalent degree from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine; or

25.13 (ii) has an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate, ~~and who shall have been adjudged to be duly~~  
 25.14 ~~qualified to practice veterinary medicine, a license to practice.~~

25.15 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.05, is amended to read:

25.16 **156.05 LICENSE.**

25.17 The license ~~shall~~ must be subscribed by the president and secretary of the Board of  
 25.18 Veterinary Medicine and have affixed to it by the executive director the seal of the board.  
 25.19 Upon the board's request, a person licensed under this chapter must produce a copy of the  
 25.20 person's license within seven days of receiving the request.

25.21 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.06, is amended to read:

25.22 **156.06 LICENSE RECORDED.**

25.23 The license, before issued, ~~shall~~ must be recorded in a ~~book or computer~~ database to be  
 25.24 kept ~~in the office which~~ by the Board of Veterinary Medicine ~~shall establish~~ for the purpose  
 25.25 of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. ~~These~~ The records ~~shall~~ kept under this section  
 25.26 must be available for public inspection with proper restrictions as to their preservation as  
 25.27 provided in section 13.41.

26.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.07, is amended to read:

26.2 **156.07 LICENSE RENEWAL.**

26.3 ~~Persons licensed under this chapter shall conspicuously display their license in their~~  
 26.4 ~~principal place of business.~~

26.5 (a) Persons now licensed in this state, or who ~~shall~~ are hereafter ~~be~~ licensed by the Board  
 26.6 of Veterinary Medicine as veterinarians or veterinary technicians, ~~shall~~ must periodically  
 26.7 renew their license in a manner prescribed by the board. The board ~~shall~~ must establish  
 26.8 license renewal fees and continuing education requirements. The board may establish, by  
 26.9 rule, an inactive license category, at a lower fee, for licensees not actively engaged in the  
 26.10 practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology within the state of Minnesota. The  
 26.11 board may assess a charge for delinquent payment of a renewal fee.

26.12 (b) Any person who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology  
 26.13 in this state pursuant to this chapter, ~~shall be~~ is entitled to receive a license to continue to  
 26.14 practice upon making application to the board and complying with the terms of this section  
 26.15 and rules of the board.

26.16 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.071, is amended to read:

26.17 **156.071 REINSTATEMENT OF EXPIRED LICENSE.**

26.18 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an expired license, ~~which~~ that is  
 26.19 suspended by the board pursuant to section 156.07, may be reinstated at any time within  
 26.20 five years after its suspension on filing an application with the board and by payment of the  
 26.21 renewal fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date, plus all back fees, late fees,  
 26.22 and reinstatement fees. In addition, satisfactory evidence of meeting yearly continuing  
 26.23 education requirements must be furnished to the board.

26.24 (b) A person who fails to renew a license within five years after its suspension may not  
 26.25 renew it, and it ~~shall~~ must not be restored, reissued, or reinstated thereafter, ~~but such~~ except  
 26.26 the person may apply for and obtain a new license on complying with the following  
 26.27 conditions:

26.28 (1) the person is of good moral character;

26.29 (2) no fact, circumstance, or condition exists ~~which~~ that, if the license were issued, would  
 26.30 justify ~~its~~ the revocation or suspension of the license according to section 156.081,  
 26.31 subdivision 2;

27.1 (3) the person takes and passes ~~the all examinations, if any, which would be required if~~  
 27.2 ~~the person were then applying for a license for the first time, or otherwise establishes to the~~  
 27.3 ~~satisfaction of the board that, with due regard for the public interest the person is qualified~~  
 27.4 ~~to practice veterinary medicine~~ required for an application for an initial license; and

27.5 (4) the person pays all of the applicable fees ~~that would be required if the person were~~  
 27.6 ~~then applying for the license for the first time~~ by the board.

27.7 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

27.8 Subdivision 1. **Application.** A doctor of veterinary medicine duly admitted to practice  
 27.9 in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada  
 27.10 desiring permission to practice veterinary medicine in this state shall submit an application  
 27.11 to the board upon forms prescribed by the board. ~~Upon proof of licensure to practice in any~~  
 27.12 ~~United States or Canadian jurisdiction and having been actively engaged in practicing~~  
 27.13 ~~veterinary medicine therein, for at least three of the five years next preceding the application,~~  
 27.14 ~~or having been engaged in full-time teaching of veterinary medicine in an approved or~~  
 27.15 ~~accredited college for at least three of the five years next preceding the application, or any~~  
 27.16 ~~combination thereof, the national examination in veterinary medicine may be waived, upon~~  
 27.17 ~~the recommendation of the board, and the applicant be admitted to practice without~~  
 27.18 ~~examination. However, the board may impose any other examinations it considers proper.~~

27.19 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.072, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

27.20 Subd. 2. **Required with application.** ~~Such doctor of veterinary medicine shall accompany~~  
 27.21 ~~the application by the following~~ An applicant for a license to practice veterinary medicine  
 27.22 in the state must provide the following to the board:

27.23 (1) either:

27.24 (i) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine  
 27.25 ~~or certification from the dean, registrar, or secretary of an accredited or approved college~~  
 27.26 ~~of veterinary medicine attesting to the applicant's graduation from an accredited or approved~~  
 27.27 ~~college of veterinary medicine;~~ or

27.28 (ii) a copy of a diploma from a foreign college of veterinary medicine, a translation of  
 27.29 the diploma if the diploma is not in English, and a certificate of satisfactory completion of  
 27.30 the ECFVG or PAVE program;

27.31 (2) ~~affidavits of two licensed practicing doctors of veterinary medicine residing in the~~  
 27.32 ~~United States or Canadian licensing jurisdiction in which the applicant is currently practicing,~~

28.1 ~~attesting that they are well acquainted with the applicant, that the applicant is a person of~~  
28.2 ~~good moral character, and has been actively engaged in practicing or teaching in such~~  
28.3 ~~jurisdiction for the period above prescribed;~~

28.4 (2) a copy of the applicant's valid unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in  
28.5 good standing from a state or territory in the United States or Canada;

28.6 (3) a certificate from the regulatory agency having jurisdiction over the conduct of  
28.7 practice of veterinary medicine that such applicant is in good standing and is not the subject  
28.8 of disciplinary action or pending disciplinary action;

28.9 (4) a certificate from all other jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a currently active  
28.10 license or held a license within the past ten years, stating that the applicant is and was in  
28.11 good standing and has not been subject to disciplinary action;

28.12 (5) in lieu of clauses (3) and (4), certification from the Veterinary Information Verification  
28.13 Agency that the applicant's licensure is in good standing;

28.14 (6) ~~a nonrefundable fee as set by the board in form of check or money order payable to~~  
28.15 ~~the board, no part of which shall be refunded should the application be denied;~~

28.16 (7) score reports on previously taken national examinations in veterinary medicine,  
28.17 certified by the Veterinary Information Verification Agency; ~~and~~ unless the board has  
28.18 waived this requirement because the applicant's current American Association of Veterinary  
28.19 State Boards licensing jurisdiction officially reported North American Veterinary Licensing  
28.20 Examination scores to the board;

28.21 (8) if requesting waiver of examination, provide evidence of meeting licensure  
28.22 requirements in the state of the applicant's original licensure that were substantially equal  
28.23 to the requirements for licensure in Minnesota in existence at that time;

28.24 (9) proof that the applicant received a passing score on the Minnesota Veterinarian  
28.25 Jurisprudence Examination; and

28.26 (10) a completed criminal background check.

28.27 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.076, is amended to read:

28.28 **156.076 DIRECT SUPERVISION; UNLICENSED VETERINARY EMPLOYEES.**

28.29 (a) An unlicensed veterinary employee may only administer medication or render  
28.30 auxiliary or supporting assistance under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian or  
28.31 licensed veterinary technician.

29.1 (b) This section does not prohibit:

29.2 (1) the performance of generalized nursing tasks ordered by the veterinarian and  
 29.3 performed by an unlicensed employee on inpatient animals during the hours when a  
 29.4 veterinarian is not on the premises; ~~or~~

29.5 (2) the performance of commonly accepted livestock management practices under remote  
 29.6 supervision; or

29.7 (3) under emergency conditions, an unlicensed employee from rendering lifesaving aid  
 29.8 and treatment to an animal in the absence of a veterinarian if the animal is in a life-threatening  
 29.9 condition and requires immediate treatment to sustain life or prevent further injury.

29.10 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

29.11 Subd. 3. **Required with application.** A completed application must contain the following  
 29.12 information and material:

29.13 (1) the application fee set by the board, which is not refundable if permission to take the  
 29.14 jurisprudence examination is denied for good cause;

29.15 (2) proof of graduation from a veterinary technology program accredited or approved  
 29.16 by the American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical  
 29.17 Association; and

29.18 ~~(3) affidavits from at least two licensed veterinarians and three adults who are not related~~  
 29.19 ~~to the applicant that establish how long, when, and under what circumstances the references~~  
 29.20 ~~have known the applicant and any other facts that may enable the board to determine the~~  
 29.21 ~~applicant's qualifications; and~~

29.22 ~~(4)~~(3) if the applicant has served in the armed forces, a copy of the applicant's discharge  
 29.23 papers.

29.24 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 29.25 to read:

29.26 Subd. 5. **Pharmaceutical services.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician must:

29.27 (1) ensure that a prescription drug or prescription biologic is properly administered to  
 29.28 a patient; or

29.29 (2) provide instructions to a client on the proper administration of a drug or biologic to  
 29.30 a patient if the licensed veterinary technician will not be administering or supervising the  
 29.31 administration of the drug to the patient.

30.1 (b) A veterinary technician must store and dispense drugs and biologics to clients  
30.2 according to section 151.35 and The United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary,  
30.3 1990 edition, published by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc., Rockville,  
30.4 Maryland.

30.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

30.6 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision  
30.7 to read:

30.8 Subd. 6. **Record keeping.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician working under a  
30.9 veterinarian's direct or remote supervision on a patient, group of patients, herd, or flock,  
30.10 regardless of whether the patient, group, herd, or flock is in the veterinarian's custody at a  
30.11 veterinary facility or on the owner's or caretaker's premises, must prepare a written medical  
30.12 record or electronic medical record regarding the patient, group, herd, or flock that contains,  
30.13 at a minimum:

30.14 (1) the owner's name, address, and telephone number;

30.15 (2) if applicable, the identity of the patient, including the patient's name, age, sex, and  
30.16 breed;

30.17 (3) the dates of examination, treatment, and surgery;

30.18 (4) a brief history of the condition of the patient, group of patients, herd, or flock;

30.19 (5) examination findings;

30.20 (6) laboratory and radiographic reports;

30.21 (7) the veterinarian's tentative diagnosis;

30.22 (8) the veterinarian's treatment plan; and

30.23 (9) the veterinarian's prescribed medication and treatment, including the dosage and  
30.24 frequency of any prescribed medication.

30.25 (b) A licensed veterinary technician must maintain an individual written medical record  
30.26 or electronic medical record for each patient, except a licensed veterinary technician may  
30.27 maintain one medical record for a group of patients if:

30.28 (1) the patients are livestock as defined in section 17A.03, subdivision 5; horses; or a  
30.29 litter of animals; and

30.30 (2) the record contains the information required in paragraph (a).

31.1 (c) Within two weeks of receiving a written request for records, a veterinary technician  
31.2 under the direct or remote supervision of a veterinarian must release a patient's medical  
31.3 records or an accurate summary of the patient's medical records to the owner or owner's  
31.4 authorized agent, including the board. A supervising veterinarian may charge a reasonable  
31.5 fee for copying or preparing a summary of records, except in the case of a board investigation  
31.6 of a possible violation of section 156.081 or other statute or rule that the board is authorized  
31.7 to enforce.

31.8 (d) A radiograph must be permanently identified. A licensed veterinary technician must  
31.9 only release a radiograph upon the written request of a veterinarian who has the written  
31.10 authorization of the owner of the patient to whom the radiograph pertains. The owner must  
31.11 return a radiograph within a reasonable time to the veterinary practice that originally prepared  
31.12 the radiograph.

31.13 (e) A licensed veterinary technician must keep medical records private and must not  
31.14 release medical records to third parties unless authorized by the client or required by law.

31.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

31.16 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision  
31.17 to read:

31.18 Subd. 7. **Humane care.** A licensed veterinary technician must treat animals entrusted  
31.19 by a client to the supervising veterinarian consistent with prevailing professional standards  
31.20 of humane treatment and care.

31.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

31.22 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.077, is amended by adding a subdivision  
31.23 to read:

31.24 Subd. 8. **Continuing education.** (a) A licensed veterinary technician must complete at  
31.25 least 16 hours of continuing education credits during each biennial licensing period. Of  
31.26 those 16 hours, at least 12 hours of continuing education credits must be in a medical  
31.27 category.

31.28 (b) Upon submitting an application to the board for the renewal of a license to practice  
31.29 veterinary technology, an applicant must provide documentation to the board that the  
31.30 applicant completed at least 16 continuing education credit hours according to paragraph  
31.31 (a).

32.1 (c) A licensed veterinary technician must not carry forward excess continuing credit  
 32.2 hours into the next licensing period.

32.3 (d) A licensed veterinary technician must take additional continuing education required  
 32.4 by the board if, in the course of a disciplinary proceeding, the board determines that remedial  
 32.5 education in a specific subject area is necessary.

32.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

32.7 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.078, is amended to read:

32.8 **156.078 NONRESIDENTS; LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS.**

32.9 A credentialed veterinary technician duly admitted to practice in any state,  
 32.10 commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada who desires  
 32.11 permission to practice veterinary technology in ~~this state shall~~ Minnesota must submit an  
 32.12 application to the board on a form furnished by the board. The board ~~shall~~ must review an  
 32.13 application for transfer if the applicant submits:

32.14 (1) a copy of a diploma from an accredited or approved college of veterinary technology  
 32.15 ~~or certification from the dean, registrar, or secretary of an accredited or approved college~~  
 32.16 ~~of veterinary technology~~ or a certificate of satisfactory completion of the PAVE program;

32.17 (2) ~~if requesting waiver of examination, evidence of meeting licensure requirements in~~  
 32.18 ~~the state of the applicant's original licensure;~~

32.19 (3) ~~affidavits of two licensed practicing doctors of veterinary medicine or veterinary~~  
 32.20 ~~technicians residing in the United States or Canadian licensing jurisdiction in which the~~  
 32.21 ~~applicant is or was most recently practicing, attesting that they are well acquainted with the~~  
 32.22 ~~applicant, that the applicant is a person of good moral character, and that the applicant has~~  
 32.23 ~~been actively engaged in practicing or teaching in such jurisdiction;~~ a copy of the applicant's  
 32.24 valid unrestricted license in good standing to practice veterinary technology from a state or  
 32.25 territory in the United States or Canada;

32.26 (4) (3) a certificate from the agency that regulates the conduct of practice of veterinary  
 32.27 technology in the jurisdiction in which the applicant is or was most recently practicing,  
 32.28 stating that the applicant is in good standing and is not the subject of disciplinary action or  
 32.29 pending disciplinary action;

32.30 (5) (4) a certificate from all other jurisdictions in which the applicant holds a currently  
 32.31 active license or held a license within the past ten years, stating that the applicant is and  
 32.32 was in good standing and has not been subject to disciplinary action;

33.1 ~~(6)~~ (5) in lieu of the certificates in clauses (3) and (4) ~~and (5)~~, certification from the  
 33.2 Veterinary Information Verification Agency that the applicant's licensure is in good standing;

33.3 ~~(7) a fee as set by the board in form of check or money order~~ (6) a nonrefundable  
 33.4 application fee payable to the board, no part of which ~~shall be refunded should~~ the board  
 33.5 may refund if the application be is denied;

33.6 ~~(8)~~ (7) score reports on previously taken national examinations in veterinary technology,  
 33.7 certified by the Veterinary Information Verification Agency ~~or evidence of employment as~~  
 33.8 ~~a veterinary technician for at least three years~~, unless the board has waived this requirement  
 33.9 because the applicant's current AAVSB licensing jurisdiction officially reported VTNE  
 33.10 scores to the board;

33.11 ~~(9)~~ (8) proof that the applicant received a passing score for the Minnesota Veterinary  
 33.12 Technician Jurisprudence Examination; and

33.13 ~~(10)~~ (9) proof of a completed criminal background check.

33.14 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.081, is amended to read:

33.15 **156.081 REVOCATION; SUSPENSION.**

33.16 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The board may limit, suspend, or revoke the license of any  
 33.17 person to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in this state for any of the  
 33.18 causes provided in this section. The executive director, in all cases of disciplined licenses,  
 33.19 ~~shall~~ must enter on the register the fact of the disciplinary action, as the case may be. The  
 33.20 record of ~~such~~ disciplinary action made by the executive director ~~shall be~~ is prima facie  
 33.21 evidence of the fact thereof, and of the regularity of all the proceedings of the board in the  
 33.22 matter of the disciplinary action.

33.23 Subd. 2. **Causes.** (a) The board may revoke, suspend, or impose limitations upon a  
 33.24 license to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology for any of the following  
 33.25 causes:

33.26 (1) the employment of fraud, misrepresentation or deception in obtaining ~~such~~ a license  
 33.27 to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

33.28 (2) being convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, including a finding or verdict of  
 33.29 guilt, whether or not the adjudication of guilt is withheld or not entered, an admission of  
 33.30 guilt, or a no contest plea, as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

34.1 ~~(3) being unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, use of~~  
34.2 ~~alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other materials, or as a result of any mental or physical~~  
34.3 ~~condition;~~

34.4 (3) having an impairment that prevents a licensee from practicing veterinary medicine  
34.5 or veterinary technology with reasonable skill, competence, and safety to the public;

34.6 (4) existence of a professional connection with or the lending of one's name to any illegal  
34.7 practitioner of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

34.8 (5) having been the subject of revocation, suspension, or surrender of a ~~veterinary~~ license  
34.9 to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology in resolution of a complaint or  
34.10 other adverse action related to licensure in another jurisdiction or country;

34.11 (6) violating a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law irrespective of any  
34.12 proceedings under section 152.18 or federal law;

34.13 (7) fraudulently conducting or reporting results of physical examinations or biological  
34.14 tests used to detect and prevent the dissemination of animal diseases, transportation of  
34.15 diseased animals, or distribution of contaminated, infected, or inedible animal products, or  
34.16 failing to report, as required by law, any contagious or infectious disease;

34.17 (8) engaging in false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading advertising;

34.18 (9) conviction on a charge of cruelty to animals;

34.19 (10) failure, after written notification by the board, to keep one's premises and all  
34.20 equipment therein in a clean and sanitary condition, according to reasonable standards  
34.21 adopted by the board;

34.22 (11) fraud, deception, or incompetence in the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary  
34.23 technology, including any departure from or failure to conform to the minimum standards  
34.24 of acceptable and prevailing practice ~~without actual injury having to be established;~~  
34.25 irrespective of whether there has been demonstrable injury or any sustained injury;

34.26 (12) engaging in unprofessional conduct as defined in rules adopted by the board or  
34.27 engaging in conduct ~~which~~ that violates any state or federal statute or rule promulgated by  
34.28 the board ~~or~~; any board order; or any state or federal order relating to the practice of  
34.29 veterinary medicine or veterinary technology;

34.30 (13) being adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or without this state,  
34.31 as a person who is incapacitated, mentally incompetent or mentally ill, chemically dependent,  
34.32 mentally ill and dangerous to the public, or a psychopathic personality;

35.1 (14) revealing a privileged communication from or relating to a client except when  
35.2 otherwise required or permitted by law;

35.3 (15) obtaining money, property, or services from a client through the use of undue  
35.4 influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud or through the improper use of the regulated  
35.5 individual's position as a professional;

35.6 (16) practicing outside the scope of practice authorized by ~~the board's practice act~~ this  
35.7 chapter or Minnesota Rules, chapter 9100; or

35.8 (17) making a false statement or misrepresentation to the board.

35.9 (b) The board may limit, suspend, or revoke a license to practice veterinary technology  
35.10 for any of the following causes:

35.11 (1) practicing veterinary medicine by diagnosing a patient, prescribing drugs, performing  
35.12 surgery, or giving a prognosis for a patient;

35.13 (2) failing to meet the requirements of section 156.077;

35.14 (3) engaging in actions or activities that create unnecessary danger to a patient's life,  
35.15 health, or safety;

35.16 (4) making a claim that the licensee has performed or charged a fee for an act or treatment  
35.17 that the licensee did not perform;

35.18 (5) publicly asserting or implying that the licensee has professional superiority in the  
35.19 practice of veterinary technology that cannot be substantiated;

35.20 (6) practicing veterinary technology under a false or assumed name;

35.21 (7) impersonating another licensed veterinary technician;

35.22 (8) practicing veterinary technology while holding an expired, terminated, or suspended  
35.23 license to practice veterinary technology;

35.24 (9) failing to provide information to the board within 30 days of receiving a written  
35.25 request from the board pursuant to an investigation by the board or on behalf of the board;

35.26 (10) promoting, aiding, abetting, or permitting the practice of veterinary medicine or  
35.27 veterinary technology by an unlicensed individual;

35.28 (11) being convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, including a finding or verdict  
35.29 of guilt, whether or not the adjudication of guilt is withheld or not entered, an admission of  
35.30 guilt, or a no contest plea, as evidenced by a certified copy of the conviction;

36.1 (12) using, misusing, or selling a controlled drug listed in chapter 152 or the federal  
 36.2 Controlled Substances Act of 1970, United States Code, title 21, section 812;

36.3 (13) violating or failing to comply with state or federal law or regulations relating to  
 36.4 storing, labeling, or dispensing controlled substances;

36.5 (14) promoting, selling, or using a product for treatment of an animal that is outdated,  
 36.6 damaged, misbranded, or adulterated;

36.7 (15) refusing to allow the board or the board's agent to inspect a veterinary facility during  
 36.8 reasonable hours pursuant to an investigation by or on behalf of the board;

36.9 (16) performing unnecessary, unethical, or unauthorized treatment of a patient;

36.10 (17) having a conflict of interest unless the licensee fully discloses the licensee's conflict  
 36.11 of interest to the client;

36.12 (18) surreptitiously obtaining through theft, unauthorized copying, duplicating, or other  
 36.13 means client lists, mailing lists, medical records, or computer records that are the property  
 36.14 of a veterinarian, veterinary partnership, or professional veterinary corporation;

36.15 (19) failing to report to the board any disciplinary action taken against the licensee's  
 36.16 license to practice veterinary technology in another jurisdiction;

36.17 (20) failing to meet continuing education requirements for biennial license renewal;

36.18 (21) failing to submit adequate proof of continuing education attendance within 30 days  
 36.19 of a board request; or

36.20 (22) falsifying continuing education attendance documentation.

36.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2026.

36.22 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

36.23 Subdivision 1. **Practice.** (a) The practice of veterinary medicine, as used in this chapter,  
 36.24 shall mean the diagnosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal disease,  
 36.25 deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; the performance of  
 36.26 obstetrical procedures for animals, including determination of pregnancy and correction of  
 36.27 sterility or infertility; and the rendering of advice or recommendations with regard to any  
 36.28 of the above. The practice of veterinary medicine shall include but not be limited to the  
 36.29 prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application,  
 36.30 anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique. The practice shall not

37.1 ~~be construed to include the dehorning of cattle and goats or the castration of cattle, swine,~~  
 37.2 ~~goats, and sheep, or the docking of sheep.~~ includes:

37.3 (1) the diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal disease,  
 37.4 pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical, behavioral, dental, or mental conditions,  
 37.5 including but not limited to performing medical, dental, or surgical procedures;

37.6 (2) using any procedure for reproductive management, including but not limited to the  
 37.7 diagnosis or treatment of pregnancy, fertility, sterility, infertility, or obstetrical procedures;

37.8 (3) prescribing, dispensing, or administering a drug, a medicine, a biologic, an appliance,  
 37.9 an apparatus, an application, an anesthetic, or a treatment; and

37.10 (4) determining the health, fitness, or soundness of an animal.

37.11 (b) The practice of veterinary medicine includes the use of complementary, alternative,  
 37.12 and integrative therapies. Complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies include but  
 37.13 are not limited to veterinary acupuncture, acuthery, and acupressure; veterinary  
 37.14 homeopathy; veterinary manual or manipulative therapy, including therapies based on  
 37.15 techniques practiced in osteopathy, chiropractic medicine, or physical rehabilitation and  
 37.16 therapy; veterinary nutraceutical therapy; and veterinary phytotherapy.

37.17 (c) A veterinarian-client-patient relationship between a licensed veterinarian and a patient  
 37.18 must be established before the licensed veterinarian engages in the practice of veterinary  
 37.19 medicine, except that a licensed veterinarian may provide emergency stabilization or  
 37.20 teletriage to a patient without having established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship  
 37.21 with the patient.

37.22 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

37.23 Subd. 2. **Authorized activities.** No provision of this chapter ~~shall~~ may be construed to  
 37.24 prohibit:

37.25 ~~(a) (1) a person from rendering necessary gratuitous assistance in the treatment of any~~  
 37.26 ~~animal when the assistance does not amount to prescribing, testing for, or diagnosing,~~  
 37.27 ~~operating, or vaccinating and when the attendance of a licensed veterinarian cannot be~~  
 37.28 ~~procured~~ providing immediate care to a patient in the event of an emergency situation or  
 37.29 accident;

37.30 ~~(b) (2) while under the direct supervision or remote supervision of a licensed veterinarian,~~  
 37.31 a licensed veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant from providing emergency

38.1 stabilization to a patient with the consent of the client if immediate access to a licensed  
 38.2 veterinarian is delayed;

38.3 (3) a licensed veterinarian or, while under the direct or remote supervision of a licensed  
 38.4 veterinarian, a veterinary technician or a veterinary assistant from providing emergency  
 38.5 teletriage, including poison control services, to an animal patient if immediate action is  
 38.6 necessary;

38.7 (4) any person from providing advice or performing actions that the board has designated  
 38.8 by rule as accepted livestock management practices;

38.9 (5) a person who is a regular student in an accredited or approved college of veterinary  
 38.10 medicine from performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or preceptors or working  
 38.11 under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

38.12 ~~(e) a veterinarian regularly licensed in another jurisdiction from consulting with~~ (6) any  
 38.13 person from providing a consultation to a licensed veterinarian in this the state; on the care  
 38.14 and management of a patient only if:

38.15 (i) the service provided by the person is limited to a consultation; and

38.16 (ii) the licensed veterinarian receiving the consultation maintains the  
 38.17 veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

38.18 (7) any veterinarian employed by an accredited or approved college of veterinary medicine  
 38.19 from providing assistance requested by a licensed veterinarian with consent from the client  
 38.20 and acting under the direct supervision or remote supervision of the licensed veterinarian  
 38.21 who requested assistance. The licensed veterinarian requesting assistance must maintain  
 38.22 responsibility for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship with the patient;

38.23 ~~(d)~~ (8) the owner of an animal and the owner's regular employee from caring for, treating,  
 38.24 and administering drugs prescribed by a licensed veterinarian to the animal belonging to  
 38.25 the owner, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of  
 38.26 circumventing this chapter. When caring for, treating, or administering drugs to an animal,  
 38.27 the animal's owner and the owner's regular employee must comply with all laws, rules, and  
 38.28 regulations related to the use of medicines and biologics;

38.29 ~~(e)~~ (9) veterinarians who are in compliance with section 156.0721 and who are employed  
 38.30 by the University of Minnesota from performing their duties with the College of Veterinary  
 38.31 Medicine, Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural  
 38.32 Extension Service, Medical School, School of Public Health, School of Nursing, or other  
 38.33 unit within the university; or a person from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations

39.1 at the university or in connection with a continuing education course or seminar to  
 39.2 veterinarians;

39.3 ~~(f)~~ (10) any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide or herbicide;

39.4 ~~(g)~~ (11) any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research or investigations  
 39.5 which that reasonably requires experimentation involving animals and is conducted in a  
 39.6 facility that complies with local and federal law, rules, and regulations;

39.7 ~~(h)~~ (12) any employee of a licensed veterinarian from performing duties other than  
 39.8 diagnosis, prescription or surgical correction under the direction and supervision of the  
 39.9 veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician, who ~~shall be~~ is responsible for the  
 39.10 performance of the employee;

39.11 ~~(i)~~ (13) a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine from working under the  
 39.12 direct personal instruction, control, or supervision of a veterinarian faculty member of the  
 39.13 College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota in order to complete the  
 39.14 requirements necessary to obtain an ECFVG or a PAVE certificate;

39.15 ~~(j)~~ (14) a licensed chiropractor registered under section 148.01, subdivision 1a, from  
 39.16 practicing animal chiropractic; ~~or~~

39.17 ~~(k)~~ (15) a person certified by the director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services  
 39.18 under chapter 144E from providing emergency medical care to a police dog wounded in  
 39.19 the line of duty;

39.20 (16) any employee of the federal, state, or local government from performing the  
 39.21 employee's official duties;

39.22 (17) any licensed individual with a licensed or regulated profession in the state from  
 39.23 providing assistance requested by a licensed veterinarian from acting with the client's consent  
 39.24 and acting under the direct or remote supervision of the licensed veterinarian. The licensed  
 39.25 veterinarian providing direct or remote supervision must maintain responsibility for the  
 39.26 veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

39.27 (18) any pharmacist, merchant, or manufacturer at the pharmacist's, merchant's, or  
 39.28 manufacturer's regular place of business from selling over-the-counter medicine, feed,  
 39.29 appliances, or other products used in the prevention or treatment of animal diseases;

39.30 (19) any person from providing training for animals, except that the person must not  
 39.31 diagnose, prescribe, or dispense any therapeutic drugs without a license required by the  
 39.32 board;

40.1 (20) a veterinarian who is licensed in another state or a veterinary technician or veterinary  
 40.2 technologist who has credentials in another state from practicing veterinary medicine or  
 40.3 veterinary technology in Minnesota during an emergency or a natural disaster, within the  
 40.4 scope and location of assigned veterinary medical or veterinary technological duties of the  
 40.5 response efforts without passing written examinations or other qualifications, if:

40.6 (i) an official declaration of the disaster or emergency has been made by the governor  
 40.7 or the delegated state official; and

40.8 (ii) the veterinarian, veterinary technician, or veterinary technologist has received an  
 40.9 official invitation for a specified time by the authority with jurisdiction over coordinating  
 40.10 animal or agricultural issues during disasters or emergencies in the state according to section  
 40.11 192.89; or

40.12 (21) any person from lawfully providing care and rehabilitation to wildlife species  
 40.13 according to Minnesota Rules, part 6244.0400.

40.14 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.121, is amended to read:

40.15 **156.121 FACILITY INSPECTION.**

40.16 (a) The executive director, or an authorized representative of the board may, in response  
 40.17 to a complaint, inspect a facility in which veterinary medicine is practiced, at any time  
 40.18 during which the facility is open for business, to ensure compliance with the requirements  
 40.19 of this chapter and the regulations of the board.

40.20 (b) A licensed veterinarian must allow authorized representatives of the board to:

40.21 (1) enter premises where veterinary drugs are held for distribution in the state at  
 40.22 reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner;

40.23 (2) inspect records, equipment, materials, containers, and facilities to determine whether  
 40.24 veterinary drugs comply with this chapter; and

40.25 (3) collect samples.

40.26 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

40.27 **Subd. 5. Food-producing ~~animals~~ animal.** "Food-producing ~~animals~~ animal" means  
 40.28 livestock or poultry any animal raised commercially for human consumption or for producing  
 40.29 food products or byproducts for food.

41.1 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

41.2 Subd. 12. **Veterinarian-client-patient relationship.** "Veterinarian-client-patient  
41.3 relationship" means a relationship in which the conditions in paragraphs (a) to ~~(d)~~ (e) have  
41.4 been met.

41.5 (a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments  
41.6 regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has  
41.7 agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.

41.8 (b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general,  
41.9 preliminary, or tentative diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. The veterinarian  
41.10 must be acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of  
41.11 the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is  
41.12 kept.

41.13 (c) The veterinarian is available for consultation in case of adverse reactions or failure  
41.14 of the regimen of therapy.

41.15 (d) The veterinarian maintains records documenting patient visits, diagnosis, treatments,  
41.16 and drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered, and other relevant information.

41.17 (e) The patient has visited or been examined by the veterinarian at least once every 12  
41.18 months.

41.19 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.16, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

41.20 Subd. 14. **Veterinary prescription drug.** "Veterinary prescription drug" means:

41.21 ~~(1) a drug that is not safe for animal use except under the supervision of a veterinarian,~~  
41.22 ~~and that is required by federal law to bear the following statement: "Caution: federal law~~  
41.23 ~~restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian";~~

41.24 ~~(2) (1) a drug that is required by state law to may not be dispensed only on order or~~  
41.25 ~~without a prescription of a licensed veterinarian; and~~

41.26 ~~(3) the extra-label use of an over-the-counter animal drug or human drugs; and~~

41.27 ~~(4) a medicament compounded by mixing two or more legally obtained over-the-counter~~  
41.28 ~~or prescription drugs.~~

41.29 (2) a drug with the following statement on the drug's label: "Caution: federal law restricts  
41.30 this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."

42.1 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.2 Subdivision 1. **Prescription.** (a) A person may not dispense a veterinary prescription  
42.3 drug to a client without a prescription or other veterinary authorization. A person may not  
42.4 make extra-label use of an animal or human drug for an animal without a prescription from  
42.5 a veterinarian. A veterinarian or the veterinarian's authorized employee may dispense  
42.6 veterinary prescription drugs, human drugs for extra-label use, or an over-the-counter animal  
42.7 drug for extra-label use by a client without a separate written prescription, providing there  
42.8 is documentation of the prescription in the medical record and there is an existing  
42.9 veterinarian-client-patient relationship. The prescribing veterinarian must monitor the use  
42.10 of veterinary prescription drugs, human drugs for extra-label use, or over-the-counter animal  
42.11 drugs for extra-label use by a client.

42.12 (b) A veterinarian may dispense prescription veterinary drugs and prescribe and dispense  
42.13 extra-label use drugs to a client ~~without personally examining the animal~~ if a bona fide  
42.14 veterinarian-client-patient relationship exists ~~and~~, in the judgment of the veterinarian the  
42.15 client has sufficient knowledge to use the drugs properly, and the drugs are used in  
42.16 accordance with federal regulations.

42.17 (c) A licensed veterinarian may dispense a veterinary prescription drug without  
42.18 establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship if:

42.19 (1) the drug is prescribed by a licensed veterinarian or by a veterinarian licensed in  
42.20 another jurisdiction who has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

42.21 (2) the prescribing veterinarian has an inadequate supply of the drug, failure to dispense  
42.22 the drug would interrupt a therapeutic regimen, or failure to dispense the drug would cause  
42.23 an animal to suffer;

42.24 (3) the dispensing veterinarian makes a reasonable attempt to verify the prescription  
42.25 with the prescribing veterinarian;

42.26 (4) dispensing drugs without establishing a veterinarian-client-patient relationship  
42.27 constitutes less than ten percent of total drugs dispensed during the year;

42.28 (5) the drug is necessary to facilitate the safe examination of a patient; or

42.29 (6) the drug is necessary to establish a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

42.30 (d) A veterinarian may issue a prescription or other veterinary authorization by oral or  
42.31 written communication to the dispenser, or by computer connection. If the communication  
42.32 is oral, the veterinarian must enter it into the patient's record. The dispenser must record the  
42.33 veterinarian's prescription or other veterinary authorization within 72 hours.

43.1 ~~(d)~~ (e) A prescription or other veterinary authorization must include:

43.2 (1) the name, address, and, if written, the signature of the prescriber;

43.3 (2) the name and address of the client;

43.4 (3) identification of the species and patient for which the drug is prescribed or ordered;

43.5 (4) the name, strength, and quantity of the drug;

43.6 (5) the date of issue;

43.7 (6) directions for use;

43.8 (7) the withdrawal time, if applicable;

43.9 (8) expiration date of prescription; and

43.10 (9) number of authorized refills.

43.11 ~~(e)~~ (f) A veterinarian may, in the course of professional practice and an existing  
 43.12 veterinarian-client-patient relationship, prepare medicaments that combine drugs approved  
 43.13 by the United States Food and Drug Administration and other legally obtained ingredients  
 43.14 with appropriate vehicles, as long as the medicaments conform with federal regulations.

43.15 ~~(f)~~ (g) A veterinarian or a bona fide employee of a veterinarian may dispense veterinary  
 43.16 prescription drugs to a person on the basis of a prescription issued by a licensed veterinarian.  
 43.17 The provisions of paragraphs ~~(e)~~ and (d) and (e) apply.

43.18 ~~(g)~~ (h) This section does not limit the authority of the Minnesota Racing Commission  
 43.19 to regulate veterinarians providing services at a licensed racetrack.

43.20 Sec. 58. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

43.21 Subd. 2. **Label of dispensed veterinary drugs.** (a) A veterinarian or the veterinarian's  
 43.22 authorized agent or employee dispensing a veterinary prescription drug, an over-the-counter  
 43.23 animal drug for extra-label use by an animal, or a human drug for extra-label use by an  
 43.24 animal must provide written information ~~which~~ that includes:

43.25 (1) the name and address of the veterinarian;

43.26 (2) date of filling; the prescription;

43.27 (3) species and name of the patient;

43.28 (4) the name or names of the drug;

43.29 (5) the strength of the drug or drugs;

44.1 (6) directions for the drug's use;

44.2 (7) the withdrawal time, and if applicable;

44.3 (8) cautionary statements, if any, appropriate for the drug; and

44.4 (9) the name and address of the dispensing pharmacy, if applicable.

44.5 (b) If the ~~veterinary~~ drug has been prepared, mixed, formulated, or packaged by the  
44.6 dispenser, all of the information required in paragraph (a) must be provided on a label affixed  
44.7 to the container.

44.8 (c) If the ~~veterinary~~ drug is in the manufacturer's original package, the information  
44.9 required in paragraph (a) must be ~~supplied in writing but need not be~~ on a label affixed to  
44.10 the container by the manufacturer or a licensed veterinarian. Information required in  
44.11 paragraph (a) that is provided by the manufacturer on the original package does not need  
44.12 to be repeated in the separate written information. Written information required by this  
44.13 paragraph may be written on the sales invoice.

44.14 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.18, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

44.15 Subd. 4. **Record keeping.** Records required by this section must be kept for at least two  
44.16 years after dispensing of the drug has been completed, unless otherwise specified by the  
44.17 federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

44.18 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 156.19, is amended to read:

44.19 **156.19 EXTRA-LABEL USE.**

44.20 A person, other than a veterinarian or an employee of a veterinarian, must not make  
44.21 extra-label use of a veterinary drug in or on a food-producing animal, unless permitted by  
44.22 the prescription of a veterinarian. A veterinarian may prescribe the extra-label use of a drug  
44.23 if:

44.24 (1) the veterinarian makes a careful medical diagnosis within the context of a valid  
44.25 veterinarian-client-patient relationship;

44.26 (2) the veterinarian determines that there is no marketed drug specifically labeled to  
44.27 treat the condition diagnosed, or that drug therapy as recommended by the labeling has, in  
44.28 the judgment of the attending veterinarian, been found to be clinically ineffective;

44.29 (3) the veterinarian recommends procedures to ensure that the identity of the treated  
44.30 animal will be carefully maintained;

45.1 (4) the veterinarian ~~prescribes a significantly extended time period for drug withdrawal~~  
45.2 ~~before marketing meat, milk, or eggs~~ takes appropriate measures to ensure that the time  
45.3 frames for withdrawals are met and no illegal drug residues occur in any food-producing  
45.4 animal subjected to extra-label treatment; and

45.5 (5) the veterinarian has met the criteria established in Code of Federal Regulations, title  
45.6 21, part 530, which define the extra-label use of medication in or on animals.

45.7 Sec. 61. **[156.191] VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVES; VETERINARY FEED**  
45.8 **DIRECTIVE DRUGS.**

45.9 (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

45.10 (b) "Veterinary feed directive" means a written statement issued by a licensed veterinarian  
45.11 in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice that orders the use of a VFD drug  
45.12 or combination VFD drug in or on an animal feed. A VFD authorizes a client to obtain and  
45.13 use animal feed bearing or containing a VFD drug or combination VFD drug to treat the  
45.14 client's animals only in accordance with the conditions for use approved, conditionally  
45.15 approved, or indexed by the Food and Drug Administration.

45.16 (c) "Veterinary feed directive drug" or "VFD drug" means a drug intended for use in or  
45.17 on animal feed, which is limited by an approved application filed pursuant to section 512(b)  
45.18 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; a conditionally approved application  
45.19 filed pursuant to section 571 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938; or an  
45.20 index listing under section 572 of the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 to use  
45.21 under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Use of animal feed bearing or containing  
45.22 a VFD drug must be authorized by a lawful VFD.

45.23 (d) A licensed veterinarian is required to comply with the most recent regulations issued  
45.24 under the federal Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996.

45.25 Sec. 62. **[156.21] DRUG DONATION FOR USE BY ANIMALS.**

45.26 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an owner or a legal caretaker of an  
45.27 animal may donate a drug that is dispensed for the animal that will not be used by the animal  
45.28 to a licensed veterinarian at a veterinary medical facility if the veterinarian or veterinary  
45.29 medical facility accepts the drug.

45.30 (b) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility may accept and reissue a drug  
45.31 donated pursuant to this section if:

45.32 (1) the drug has not expired;

46.1 (2) the licensed veterinarian or staff person at the veterinary medical facility who accepts  
46.2 the donation does not have any reason to believe that the drug has been adulterated;

46.3 (3) the drug is not a controlled substance; and

46.4 (4) the drug is not a compounded drug.

46.5 (c) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility must not resell a drug donated  
46.6 under this section.

46.7 (d) A licensed veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility may reissue a drug donated  
46.8 under this section without charging a fee to:

46.9 (1) another client of the veterinarian or a veterinary medical facility that would benefit  
46.10 from receiving the medication;

46.11 (2) a nonprofit animal shelter; or

46.12 (3) a pound as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 1721.0490, subpart 9.

46.13 Sec. 63. **REPEALER.**

46.14 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 156.001, subdivision 9; 156.01, subdivision 2; 156.02,  
46.15 subdivision 3; 156.072, subdivision 3; 156.073; 156.16, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 11;  
46.16 and 156.20, are repealed.

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### **18.77 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 14. **Cooperative weed management areas or CWMAs.** "Cooperative weed management areas" or "CWMAs" means partnership organizations formed with the goal of managing invasive plants across jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries through collective planning and sharing of knowledge and resources.

### **156.001 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 9. **Operation.** "Operation" includes but is not limited to any act of cutting, scraping, or disturbing the intact body surface in any way, and any surgical or dental procedure, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

### **156.01 STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.**

Subd. 2. **Nomination of appointees.** Whenever the occasion arises pursuant to this chapter for the appointment of a veterinarian member of the board by the governor, the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association may recommend to the governor, at least 30 days in advance of the date that the appointment is to be made, not more than three veterinarians qualified to serve on the board for each appointment to be made.

### **156.02 APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE; QUALIFICATIONS.**

Subd. 3. **Examination of certain individuals.** The board may, on an individual basis, permit individuals not qualified for a Minnesota license by reason of graduation from a nonaccredited or approved college of veterinary medicine to take the national examinations in veterinary medicine when necessary as a prerequisite to obtaining the ECFVG certification.

### **156.072 NONRESIDENTS; LICENSES.**

Subd. 3. **Examination.** A doctor of veterinary medicine duly admitted to practice in any state, commonwealth, territory, or district of the United States or province of Canada desiring admission to practice in this state but who has not been actively engaged in the practice thereof for at least three of the preceding five years must be examined for admission in accordance with the requirements prescribed herein for those not admitted to practice anywhere.

### **156.073 TEMPORARY PERMIT.**

The board may issue without examination a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine in this state to a person who has submitted an application approved by the board for license pending examination, and holds a doctor of veterinary medicine degree or an equivalent degree from an approved or accredited college of veterinary medicine or an ECFVG or PAVE certification. The temporary permit shall expire the day after publication of the notice of results of the first examination given after the permit is issued. No temporary permit may be issued to any applicant who has previously failed the national examination and is currently not licensed in any licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada or to any person whose license has been revoked or suspended or who is currently subject to a disciplinary order in any licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada.

### **156.16 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 2. **Client.** "Client" means the owner or caretaker of an animal who arranges for the animal's veterinary care.

Subd. 3. **Dispensing.** "Dispensing" means distribution of veterinary prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs, human drugs for extra-label use, for extra-label use by a person licensed as a pharmacist by the Board of Pharmacy or a person licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Subd. 4. **Extra-label use.** "Extra-label use" means the actual or intended use of a human or veterinary drug in an animal in a manner that is not in accordance with the drug's labeling.

Subd. 7. **Patient.** "Patient" means an animal for which a veterinary prescription drug is used or intended to be used.

Subd. 8. **Person.** "Person" means an individual, or a firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, agency, or other public or private entity.

Subd. 11. **Veterinarian.** "Veterinarian" means an individual with a valid Minnesota license to practice veterinary medicine.

**156.20 INSPECTIONS AND SAMPLES.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** To enforce sections 156.16 to 156.19, a veterinarian must allow authorized representatives of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, after receiving allegations of a violation of sections 156.16 to 156.19 and upon presenting appropriate credentials to the veterinarian in charge, to:

- (1) enter premises in which veterinary drugs are held for distribution in Minnesota at reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner;
- (2) inspect pertinent records, equipment, materials, containers, and facilities bearing on whether veterinary drugs are in compliance with sections 156.16 to 156.19; and
- (3) collect samples.

Subd. 2. **Limits on inspection.** An inspection authorized by this section may not extend to financial information, pricing information, personnel information, or sales information other than shipment information. An inspection must be started and completed with reasonable promptness.