A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; modifying the pasture exemption from feedlot requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 116.07, subdivision 7d.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 116.07, subdivision 7d, is amended to read:

Subd. 7d. **Exemption.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 7 or Minnesota Rules, chapter 7020, to the contrary, and notwithstanding the proximity to public or private waters, an owner or resident of agricultural land on which livestock have been allowed to pasture ~~as defined by Minnesota Rules, chapter 7020,~~ at any time during the ten-year period beginning January 1, ~~1990~~ 2010, is permanently exempt from requirements related to feedlot or manure management on that land for so long as the property remains in pasture.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "pasture" means areas where livestock graze on grass or other growing plants. Pasture also means agricultural land where livestock are allowed to forage during the winter time and which land is used for cropping purposes in the growing season. In either case, the concentration of animals must be such that a vegetative cover, whether of grass, growing plants, or crops, is maintained during the growing season except in the immediate vicinity of temporary supplemental feeding or watering devices.