

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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A bill for an act

relating to health; prohibiting the nontherapeutic use of antimicrobial drugs for food animals; prohibiting the sale of food produced from animals administered antimicrobial drugs for nontherapeutic uses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 35.

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

**Section 1. [35.055] NONTHERAPEUTIC USE OF CERTAIN DRUGS**

**PROHIBITED.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(b) "Antimicrobial agent" means any drug or derivative of a drug that is used in humans or intended for use in humans to treat or prevent disease or infection, as well as any substance, whether produced synthetically or naturally, used to kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites, or other microorganisms.

(c) "Food-producing animals" has the meaning given in section 156.16, subdivision 5.

(d) "Nontherapeutic use of an antimicrobial agent" means any use of an antimicrobial agent for growth promotion, feed efficiency, weight gain, routine disease prevention, or other routine purpose, in the absence of any clinical sign of disease in a food-producing animal. Nontherapeutic use of an antimicrobial agent does not mean use of an antimicrobial agent under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian for the therapeutic treatment of a sick food-producing animal.

Subd. 2. Nontherapeutic use prohibited. No person shall engage in the nontherapeutic use of an antimicrobial agent in food-producing animals.

- 2.1            Subd. 3. **Sale prohibited.** No person shall sell or offer for sale in this state,
- 2.2            regardless of place of origin, any food or food product derived from food-producing
- 2.3            animals that were subject to nontherapeutic use of an antimicrobial agent.