State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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            The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy

1.1   A bill for an act

1.2   relating to health; requiring mandatory rabies vaccination for dogs and proof

1.3   of vaccination; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in

1.4   Minnesota Statutes, chapter 346.

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

1.6   Section 1. **[346.535] MANDATORY RABIES VACCINATION.**

1.7   Subdivision 1. **Requirement for rabies vaccination for dogs.** (a) Any person who

1.8   owns or is in custody of a dog four months of age or older in the state must have proof that

1.9   the dog is currently vaccinated for rabies. Currently vaccinated for rabies means the dog

1.10   is vaccinated for rabies according to the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and

1.11   Control and is not overdue for a rabies booster vaccination as recommended in Part III

1.12   of the Compendium. Proof of rabies vaccination shall be a certified record issued by a

1.13   licensed veterinarian according to the Board of Animal Health rules.

1.14   (b) The requirement for rabies vaccination for dogs does not apply to a dog currently

1.15   confined at a kennel licensed by the Board of Animal Health according to section 347.31

1.16   or at an animal facility owned or operated by any political subdivision of the state, or

1.17   a dog that has been exempted by the Board of Animal Health based on the written

1.18   recommendations of a licensed veterinarian who has examined the dog and has determined

1.19   that vaccination is contraindicated due to a medical condition.

1.20   Subd. 2. **Enforcement and penalty.** Local animal control and law enforcement

1.21   officials are responsible for enforcement of this section. A person who violates this

1.22   section is guilty of a misdemeanor.