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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; modifying definition of agritourism activity; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 604A.40, subdivision 1.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 604A.40, subdivision 1,

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is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms in

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paragraphs (b) to (g) have the meanings given them.

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(b) "Agricultural products" means livestock, aquacultural, poultry, horticultural,

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floricultural, viticultural, silvicultural, or other products of a farm or ranch.

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(c) "Agritourism activity" means:

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(1) an activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows organizations or members

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of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable, or educational

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purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including, but not limited to:

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farming; viticulture; winemaking; ranching; and historical, cultural, farm stay, gleaning,

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harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions; or

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(2) an agricultural-related education program or demonstration carried out at a

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location other than a farm or ranch.

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An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate

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in the activity.

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(d) "Agritourism professional" means a person who is engaged in providing one or

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more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.

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(e) "Farm or ranch" means one or more areas of land used for the production,

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cultivation, growing, harvesting, or processing of agricultural products.

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

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

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

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

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