

Subject Rabies and branded livestock provisions repealed

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Summary

This bill would repeal two provisions: (1) a rabies proclamation; and (2) sale of branded livestock.

- 1) Minnesota Statutes, section 35.68 requires the Board of Animal Health (BAH) and community health boards to make and file a proclamation if an investigation finds that rabies exists in its jurisdiction. The proclamation prohibits dog owners in the rabies-infected area from being at large unless the dog is muzzled. The BAH's rabies investigation requirement and authority under Minnesota Statutes, section 35.67 would remain if section 35.68 is repealed.
- 2) Minnesota Statutes, section 35.830 requires sellers of branded livestock to execute a written bill of sale to the purchaser. The written bill of sale includes the signature and residence of the seller, name and address of the purchaser, number and description of animal(s) sold, and the registered brands. A written bill of sale is prima facie evidence of the sale of the described animals.