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Bill Summary

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Overview

Pseudorabies is an airborne respiratory disease of swine and most other mammals (but not humans or horses). The disease causes severe reproductive problems and generally poor health, including poor weight gains. After nearly a decade of publicly and privately funded control efforts, pseudorabies had been brought to near extinction in Minnesota - until the fall and early winter of 1998. Various factors including reduced vaccination because of low hog prices, high humidity and mild temperatures in the early winter of 1998-99, and the further concentration of swine herds caused a dramatic spike in pseudorabies problems. H F. 414 appropriates general fund money to provide testing and vaccines to help control the outbreak of this disease.

- 1 Appropriation; pseudorabies control.** \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the board of animal health for a program to get free or reduced cost pseudorabies vaccine to pork producers in the shortest possible time.
- 2 Effective date.** The appropriation is effective the day following final enactment.