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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Minnesota Food Law (Chapter 31 of Minnesota Statutes) establishes legal requirements for the accurate labeling of foods offered for sale in the state. Included among the numerous requirements for accurate labeling are sections enforcing proper identification of foods prepared in adherence to religious customs and standards. [In 2000, the Minnesota Legislature enacted laws to enforce accurate labeling of halal foods "prepared and maintained in compliance with the laws and customs of the Islamic religion..."]. House File 2864 amends sections of Minnesota Food Law codified in 1929 that require foods labeled as "kosher" to be prepared or processed "in accordance with *Jewish* religious requirements" rather than "in accordance with *orthodox Hebrew* religious requirements."

#### Section

- 1 K kosher requirements.** Amends existing law by establishing the standard for sanctioning kosher foods as being Jewish religious requirements rather than orthodox Hebrew requirements.
- 2 Marks, stamps, tags, brands, or labels.** Amends existing law by establishing the standard for properly identified kosher foods as being Jewish religious requirements rather than orthodox Hebrew requirements.
- 3 Revisor instruction.** Instructs the Revisor of Statutes to change the phrase "orthodox Hebrew" to "Jewish" wherever it appears in Minnesota statutes or Minnesota rules.