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Overview

This bill modifies the state “Right-to-Farm” law. Under current law, certain farms are protected from civil lawsuits alleging that the farm is a nuisance if the farm: has been operating for at least two years without a significant expansion or alteration, is located in an area zoned for agricultural uses, complies with all applicable laws and permits, and is operated in a manner consistent with other farms in the area.

However the law does not apply to farms with the capacity to hold more than a specified number of swine (1,000 animal units) or cattle (2,500 animals). An “animal unit” is the regulatory measure of a livestock species’ manure-production potential. For example, 1,000 animal units of swine equates to 2,500 to 20,000 animals, depending upon the weight of each individual animal (Minn. Rules, part 7020.0300, subpart 5).

Section

- 1** **Agricultural operation not a nuisance.** Removes a provision that excludes from “Right-To-Farm” nuisance lawsuit protection any feedlot with a swine capacity of 1,000 or more animal units or cattle capacity of 2,500 or more animals.