

Subject Agriculture
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Overview

In 2017, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) proposed and the legislature enacted a reorganization of the state's dairy laws (Laws 2017, ch. 88, art. 3). This bill would make additional changes to statutes governing MDA's regulation of the dairy industry.

Summary

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| 1 | Administrative penalties; citation.
Eliminates a change enacted in 2017 which authorized MDA to issue written citations under authority of Minnesota Statutes, section 17.983, for violations of the state's reorganized dairy laws in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 32D. |
| 2 | Power and authority.
Provides MDA authority to enforce the state's chapter 32D dairy laws using the same powers and authority granted to MDA under chapter 34A, which governs MDA's enforcement of state food laws generally. |
| 3 | Permitting.
Removes MDA's authority to revoke a dairy plant permit for due cause pursuant to MDA's general food law administrative actions statute. |
| 4 | Enforcement required.
Provides that violations of chapter 32D dairy law or corresponding MDA administrative rules are violations of MDA's standard food law enforcement statutes and may be enforced thereunder. |
| 5 | Repealer.
Repeals the following statutes: |

Section **Description**

- section 17.984: This statute authorizes MDA to enforce chapter 32D dairy law via inspection of premises and by administering oaths, issuing subpoenas, and petitioning courts to compel compliance.
- section 32D.03, subdivision 5: This subdivision empowers MDA to take enforcement action against a bulk milk hauler and sampler license holder under MDA's general food law administrative actions statute.



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