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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2973

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; modifying the Board of Animal Health; amending Minnesota
1.3 Statutes 2018, section 35.02, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 35.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Members; officers.** The board has ~~five~~ ten members appointed by the
1.7 governor ~~with the advice and consent of the senate, three of whom are producers of livestock~~
1.8 ~~in the state, and two of whom are practicing veterinarians licensed in Minnesota,~~ one
1.9 residing in each of the state's eight congressional districts and two at-large members. To
1.10 the extent practicable, the governor's appointments must achieve gender balance among the
1.11 board membership. Members must be knowledgeable in animal agriculture, animal health,
1.12 or pets and companion animals, with at least two members who represent the public and
1.13 are not employed in agriculture, veterinary medicine, the pet industry, or a related field.

1.14 The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and health, the dean of the College of
1.15 Veterinary Medicine, and the director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of the
1.16 University of Minnesota ~~may~~ shall serve as consultants to the board without vote.

1.17 ~~Appointments to fill unexpired terms must be made from the classes to which the retiring~~
1.18 ~~members belong.~~ The board shall elect a president and a vice-president from among its
1.19 members ~~and~~. The governor shall appoint a veterinarian licensed in Minnesota who is not
1.20 a member to be its executive director for a term of one year and until a successor qualifies.

1.21 The board shall set the duties of the director.

1.22 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2021, and applies to appointments
1.23 that occur on or after that date.