

Subject Commercial feed licenses

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Summary

This bill amends the commercial feed licensing section to allow commercial feed licensees to employ licensed veterinarians. A person who manufactures, distributes, or has their name on the label of commercial feed must be licensed with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Veterinarians employed pursuant to this subdivision would be authorized to practice veterinary medicine for the licensee's customers.

This bill exempts commercial feed companies from complying with the Minnesota Professional Firms Act. To prevent corporate ownership of certain professional service fields (like medicine, veterinary medicine, law, accounting, etc.), the Minnesota Professional Firms Act requires business entities providing these professional services to comply with ownership and governance rules, notably that ownership of the entity must be made up of licensed professionals. This bill would allow a commercial feed business to provide veterinary services without requiring that business to be owned by licensed veterinarians.