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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 568

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterinary medicine; specifying that certified emergency medical
1.3 personnel may provide emergency medical care to police dogs without a license
1.4 to practice veterinary medicine; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 156.12,
1.5 subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 156.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. Authorized activities. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to prohibit:

1.9 (a) a person from rendering necessary gratuitous assistance in the treatment of any animal
1.10 when the assistance does not amount to prescribing, testing for, or diagnosing, operating,
1.11 or vaccinating and when the attendance of a licensed veterinarian cannot be procured;

1.12 (b) a person who is a regular student in an accredited or approved college of veterinary
1.13 medicine from performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or preceptors or working
1.14 under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;

1.15 (c) a veterinarian regularly licensed in another jurisdiction from consulting with a licensed
1.16 veterinarian in this state;

1.17 (d) the owner of an animal and the owner's regular employee from caring for and
1.18 administering to the animal belonging to the owner, except where the ownership of the
1.19 animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter;

1.20 (e) veterinarians who are in compliance with subdivision 6 and who are employed by
1.21 the University of Minnesota from performing their duties with the College of Veterinary
1.22 Medicine, College of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station, Agricultural Extension

2.1 Service, Medical School, School of Public Health, or other unit within the university; or a
2.2 person from lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the university or in
2.3 connection with a continuing education course or seminar to veterinarians or pathologists
2.4 at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory;

2.5 (f) any person from selling or applying any pesticide, insecticide or herbicide;

2.6 (g) any person from engaging in bona fide scientific research or investigations which
2.7 reasonably requires experimentation involving animals;

2.8 (h) any employee of a licensed veterinarian from performing duties other than diagnosis,
2.9 prescription or surgical correction under the direction and supervision of the veterinarian,
2.10 who shall be responsible for the performance of the employee;

2.11 (i) a graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine from working under the direct
2.12 personal instruction, control, or supervision of a veterinarian faculty member of the College
2.13 of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota in order to complete the requirements
2.14 necessary to obtain an ECFVG or PAVE certificate;

2.15 (j) a licensed chiropractor registered under section 148.01, subdivision 1a, from practicing
2.16 animal chiropractic; or

2.17 (k) a person certified by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board under
2.18 chapter 144E from providing emergency medical care to a police dog wounded in the line
2.19 of duty.