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Overview

This bill amends the chapter of law that regulates possession of regulated animals (exotic, wild, and/or nonindigenous). The bill creates new regulations and establishes a new crime and penalties.

Section

- 1** **Definitions.** Provides that the terms "bodily harm," "substantial bodily harm," and "great bodily harm" have the meaning accorded them under Minn. Stat. § 609.02 (criminal definitions).
- 2** **Requirements.** Requires a person who possesses a regulated animal to have the Minnesota Animal Control Association prepare a change of address or location form and to have it approved by the Board of Animal Health. In addition, when a regulated animal is housed on a particular premises, a sign must be posted indicating that a "dangerous" regulated animal is present on the premises. It also mandates that a person notify local animal control whenever the individual intends to move a regulated animal.
- 3** **Seizure.** Technical changes applied to the statute's organization.
- 4** **Confinement and Control.** Establishes the crime of negligent control or confinement where the negligence results in bodily harm to a human.
- 5** **Penalties.** Establishes a tiered penalty scheme for violations of section 346.155.