

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 1098
Version: As introduced

DATE: May 3, 2011

Authors: Mullery and others

Subject: Disposition of stray animals

Analyst: Colbey Sullivan

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd.

Overview

This bill eliminates a requirement that animal shelters transfer unclaimed animals to an educational or research institution if the institution is licensed for this purpose by the Board of Animal Health (BAH).

- 1** **Definitions.** Eliminates the definition of "institution", i.e., a school, college or educational or scientific establishment involved in instruction or investigation concerning the structure and function of living things or diseases/abnormal conditions affecting humans or animals.
- 2** **Seized animals; impoundment; record keeping.** Eliminates a provision requiring animal shelters that receive public funding to make any animals unclaimed after five days available to a licensed institution for scientific instruction or research purposes.
- 3** **Release of animals.** Prohibits releasing an animal from a shelter for any purpose other than adoption, sterilization or other veterinary care, redemption by the owner, or other suitable placement that is in the best interests of the animal.
- 4** **Rules.** Eliminates BAH authority to inspect or investigate a licensed institution.
- 5** **Violation; penalty.** Establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for a person who violates this law, as amended to prohibit releasing unclaimed animals for research or educational purposes.
- 6** **Reclaimed.** Removes a reference to the educational/scientific disposition of animals.
- 7** **Subsequent offenses; seizure.** Removes a reference to the educational/scientific disposition of animals.
- 8** **Repealer.** Eliminates laws that require an institution to obtain a license from the BAH and to transport animals at its own expense.