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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1079

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy
03/19/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a farmer ombudsman office to provide
1.3 one-stop regulatory assistance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota
1.4 Statutes 2014, section 17.03, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 17.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 14. **Regulatory assistance.** A farmer ombudsman office is established
1.9 within the Department of Agriculture to provide one-stop access for persons in need of
1.10 information or assistance to obtain or renew licenses, meet state regulatory requirements,
1.11 or resolve disputes with state agencies.

1.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.13 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from
1.14 the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for the purposes of section 1.