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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1459

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law
03/13/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy
03/22/2023 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to civil actions; amending civil remedies for individual or family farmer
1.3 for consumer protection violations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 325F.70, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325F.70, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. Private enforcement. (a) In addition to the remedies otherwise provided by
1.9 law, a consumer injured by a violation of sections 325F.68 to 325F.70, in connection with
1.10 a sale of merchandise for personal, family, household, or agricultural purposes, may bring
1.11 a civil action and recover damages, together with costs and disbursements, including costs
1.12 of investigation and reasonable attorney fees, and receive other equitable relief as determined
1.13 by the court. An action brought under this section benefits the public.

1.14 (b) For the purposes of this subdivision:

1.15 (1) "consumer" means a natural person or family farmer;

1.16 (2) "family farmer" means a person or persons operating a family farm; and

1.17 (3) "family farm" has the meaning given in section 116B.02, subdivision 6.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective on August 1, 2023, and applies to causes
1.19 of action commenced on or after that date.