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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2221

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to animal cruelty; requiring protection of animals in the cargo portion  
1.3 of certain motor vehicles; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 343.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[343.245] ANIMAL PROTECTION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Required practice.** A person who transports an animal on a public  
1.8 roadway in the cargo portion of a motor vehicle must ensure that the animal is protected in  
1.9 a manner that prevents the animal from falling, jumping, or being thrown from the vehicle.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Compliance.** A person complies with this section if:

1.11 (1) the space is enclosed;

1.12 (2) the space has racks on all open sides with adequate height and density to retain  
1.13 the animal;

1.14 (3) the animal is cross-tethered to the vehicle; or

1.15 (4) the animal is transported in a cage or container secured to the vehicle.

1.16 Subd. 3. **Exception.** Subdivision 1 does not apply to a dog being transported by:

1.17 (1) a farmer, as defined in section 500.24, or a farm employee while the farmer or  
1.18 employee is engaged in agricultural activities on the farm or within five miles of the farm; or

1.19 (2) a licensed hunter in possession of applicable licenses and permits who is engaged  
1.20 in hunting activities at or within five miles of a hunting site during the legal season for the  
1.21 hunting activities.