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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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a farmer advocate office to provide one-stop
1.3 regulatory assistance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,
1.4 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 advocate office is established within the
1.9 Department of Agriculture to provide one-stop access for persons in need of information
1.10 or assistance to obtain or renew licenses, meet state regulatory requirements, or resolve
1.11 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.