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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **2094**

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

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to animals; prohibiting the knowing euthanasia of pet or companion animals

1.3 with nonanesthetic gas at certain facilities; providing criminal penalties; proposing

1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 343.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[343.38] HUMANE EUTHANASIA IN ANIMAL SHELTERS; PET OR**

1.7 **COMPANION ANIMALS.**

1.8 A person may not knowingly euthanize or authorize the euthanasia of any pet or

1.9 companion animal in a private or public animal shelter, humane society, society for the

1.10 prevention of cruelty to animals, animal control facility, or pound by the use of carbon

1.11 monoxide, carbon dioxide, or other nonanesthetic gas. A violation of this section is a

1.12 misdemeanor.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2023, and applies to acts

1.14 committed on or after that date.