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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to animals; establishing an animal abuser registry; requiring
1.3 the commissioner of public safety to post identifying information on the
1.4 commissioner's Web site; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in
1.5 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 343.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[343.60] ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
1.9 subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "Animal" means a pet or companion animal as defined under section 343.20,
1.11 subdivision 6. Animal does not mean an agricultural or farm animal used for food or other
1.12 products or any other agricultural use, or wildlife as defined in section 97A.041.

1.13 (c) "Animal abuse offense" means a felony conviction under section 343.21, a felony
1.14 conviction under section 343.31, or a gross misdemeanor conviction under section 609.294.

1.15 (d) "Animal abuser" means a person convicted in this state of committing an animal
1.16 abuse offense.

1.17 (e) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety.

1.18 (f) "Conviction" has the meaning given in section 609.02, subdivision 5, and
1.19 includes a stay of adjudication or a referral to diversion, notwithstanding any pending
1.20 appeal or habeas corpus proceeding arising from the judgment.

1.21 Subd. 2. **Publicly accessible list.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2017, the commissioner
1.22 shall post on the commissioner's Web site a publicly accessible list including each person
1.23 convicted of an animal abuse offense on or after that date.

1.24 (b) The list shall include a photograph taken of the animal abuser as part of the
1.25 booking process, the animal abuser's full legal name, and other identifying data that the

2.1 commissioner determines necessary to properly identify the animal abuser and to exclude
2.2 innocent persons.

2.3 (c) A law enforcement agency must provide a photograph of an animal abuser to
2.4 the commissioner upon request.

2.5 Subd. 3. **Duration.** (a) Upon a person's first conviction for an animal abuse offense,
2.6 the commissioner shall maintain the person's name and other identifying information on
2.7 the list for four years following the date of conviction, after which time the commissioner
2.8 shall remove the person's name and identifying information from the list unless the person
2.9 is convicted of another animal abuse offense during that four-year period.

2.10 (b) Upon a person's subsequent conviction for an animal abuse offense, the
2.11 commissioner shall maintain the person's name and other identifying information on the
2.12 list for eight years following the date of the most recent conviction, after which time the
2.13 commissioner shall remove the person's name and identifying information from the list
2.14 unless the person is convicted of another animal abuse offense during that eight-year period.

2.15 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.16 \$..... in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.17 of public safety for purposes of this act.