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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3217

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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 agriculture; protecting data about individuals connected to farming or
1.3 agriculture who seek mental or behavioral health assistance or who contact the
1.4 Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.5 13.643, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.643, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 8. Mental or behavioral health data. (a) The following data collected and
1.10 maintained by the Department of Agriculture and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
1.11 about any individual connected to farming or agriculture who seeks assistance with a mental
1.12 or behavioral health issue or who contacts the Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline are
1.13 private or nonpublic:

- 1.14 (1) data that identify the individual; and
1.15 (2) data provided by the individual identifying another person.

1.16 (b) The Department of Agriculture and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may
1.17 release data collected under this subdivision to appropriate parties in connection with an
1.18 emergency if knowledge of the data is necessary to protect the health or safety of any person.