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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to agriculture; directing the commissioner of agriculture to make
1.3 recommendations on horse operations.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **HORSE OPERATIONS; RECOMMENDATIONS.**

1.6 (a) The commissioner of agriculture, in consultation with the commissioner of
1.7 revenue, the Board of Animal Health, the Minnesota Horse Council, the Minnesota Farm
1.8 Bureau, the Minnesota Farmers Union, an animal welfare group, and other interested
1.9 parties, shall prepare a report with recommendations on:

1.10 (1) the definition of horse operations;
1.11 (2) the definition of private and commercial horse operations;
1.12 (3) the tax treatment of both private and commercial horse operations; and
1.13 (4) evaluating the economic impact of the equine industry on Minnesota.

1.14 (b) By January 15, 2010, the commissioner of agriculture shall provide the report
1.15 on recommendations prepared under paragraph (a) to the legislative agriculture policy
1.16 and tax committees.