

STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to Rules
of the Board of Animal Health
Governing Parts 1700.0100 thru 1700.1500
The Importation of Cattle and Bison

STATEMENT OF NEED
AND REASONABLENESS

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has authority under MS §35.03 to make rules to protect the health of domestic animals of the state.

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate the requirements for brucellosis and anaplasmosis tests for cattle and bison returning to the farm of origin in Minnesota from pasture in adjacent states. The intent is to facilitate normal operations for cattle owners whose land happens to be at the State border.

The Board can see no inconsistency in federal interstate regulations relating to the movement of cattle. The Board estimates that there will be less than 25 herds a year taking advantage of the provision not to test for brucellosis and anaplasmosis. Possible savings of \$5.00 per animal in laboratory and veterinary fees could be realized by the owners of cattle pastured in other states.

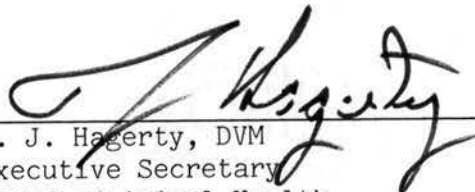
The Board does not believe the proposed change will increase the chances of importing either brucellosis or anaplasmosis since the adjacent states are all either class free or class A brucellosis classification. The adjacent states are not in the anaplasmosis endemic area.

For purposes of compliance with MS §14.11 the Board estimates that there will be no expenditure of money by local public bodies and there will not be any adverse impact on agricultural land in Minnesota.

With respect to Chapter 188, Section 1, Laws of Minnesota 1983,
as it relates to the impact on small business, the Board has determined
that this rule will not have any material effect on small business.

Date

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