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H. F. No. **3617**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to animal welfare; prohibiting certain facilities from the use of
1.3 nonanesthetic gas to euthanize an animal; 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.**

1.7 A person may not knowingly euthanize or authorize the euthanasia of a dog, cat,
1.8 or other animal in a private or public animal shelter, humane society, society for the
1.9 prevention of cruelty to animals, animal control facility, or animal pound by the use of
1.10 carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, or other nonanesthetic gas. A violation of this section
1.11 is a misdemeanor.

1.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective August 1, 2016,
1.13 and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.