

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 960**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to animals; prohibiting the knowing euthanasia of pet or companion animals  
1.3 with nonanesthetic gas at certain facilities; providing penalties; proposing coding  
1.4 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; PET OR**  
1.7 **COMPANION ANIMALS.**

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

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019, and applies to acts  
1.14 committed on or after that date.