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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Preventing the spread of animal diseases.

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Provides that the director may issue a quarantine order and enforce the quarantine of any animal or its reproductive products when any animal or its reproductive products are affected with or have been exposed to disease or when there is reasonable cause to investigate whether any animal or its reproductive products are affected with or have been exposed to disease, either within or outside the state. Overt disease or exposure to disease in any animal or its reproductive products need not be immediately obvious for a quarantine order to be issued or enforced. The quarantine shall remain in effect as long as the director deems necessary.

Provides that, where disease or contamination is suspected, the director may seize those items necessary to conduct the tests, inspections, or examinations.

Provides that if the director is denied access to the animal premises or the animals for purposes of conducting tests, inspections, or examinations or the animal owner fails to comply with an order of the director, the director may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an administrative search warrant.