

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 1860**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to agriculture; establishing a farmer advocate office to provide one-stop  
 1.3 regulatory assistance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,  
 1.4 section 17.03, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 17.03, is amended by adding a subdivision  
 1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 14. **Regulatory assistance.** A farmer advocate office is established within the  
 1.9 Department of Agriculture to provide one-stop access for persons in need of information  
 1.10 or assistance to obtain or renew licenses, meet state regulatory requirements, or resolve  
 1.11 disputes with state agencies.

1.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.13 \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$100,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from  
 1.14 the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for the purposes of section 1.