

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; temporarily waiving certain fees; requiring refunds
1.3 and credits; transferring money; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. **CERTAIN FOOD-RELATED LATE FEES WAIVED; 2021.**

1.6 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, in calendar year 2021 the commissioner of
1.7 agriculture must waive late license renewal penalties under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.8 28A.08, for food retailers, food manufacturers, food wholesalers, and food brokers.

1.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.10 Sec. 2. **2020 BREWER FEES REFUNDED; CREDIT.**

1.11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Metropolitan Council must fully refund to
1.12 any brewer that produces fewer than 20,000 barrels per year the wastewater permit fee,
1.13 allowed under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.517, paid for the year 2020. The council
1.14 must also apply to any brewer that falls within the Metropolitan Council Environmental
1.15 Services Microbrewery Program a credit not to exceed \$2,000 per brewer for strength
1.16 charges incurred in 2020.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.18 Sec. 3. **CERTAIN LIQUOR PERMIT FEES WAIVED; 2021.**

1.19 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in calendar year 2021, the commissioner
1.20 of public safety must waive the fees for the following permits:

2.1 (1) the caterer's permit issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.404, subdivision
2.2 12; and

2.3 (2) the permit for sales after 1:00 a.m. issued under Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.504,
2.4 subdivision 7.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.** This section is effective the day following
2.6 final enactment and applies to permits applied for in calendar year 2021.

2.7 Sec. 4. **TRANSFER; ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT.**

2.8 An amount equal to the amount of the fees waived under section 3, clause (2), in calendar
2.9 year 2021 is transferred from the general fund to the alcohol enforcement account established
2.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.706.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.12 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; RATE STABILIZATION.**

2.13 \$142,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Metropolitan
2.14 Council for wastewater rate stabilization. The Metropolitan Council must deposit the money
2.15 in the council's environmental services enterprise account to offset wastewater revenue lost
2.16 under section 2. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.