

Subject Business fees

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### Overview

This bill temporarily waives or refunds fees and penalties paid by certain businesses that sell food or alcohol. It also allocates money to the Department of Public Safety and the Metropolitan Council to replace lost fee revenue.

### Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Certain food-related late fees waived; 2021.</b></p> <p>Requires the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to waive the late fee if a licensed food retailer, manufacturer, wholesaler, or broker renews their license after the applicable deadline in 2021. These late fees range from less than \$20 to several hundred dollars depending on the license category and size of the food business. Businesses that could benefit from this waiver include grocers, gas stations, home improvement stores, agricultural cooperatives, breweries, wineries, distilleries, food and beverage wholesalers, and food and beverage manufacturers.</p> |
| 2 | <p><b>2020 brewer fees refunded; credit.</b></p> <p>Requires the Metropolitan Council to refund the wastewater permit fee paid in 2020 to breweries that produce less than 20,000 barrels per year. Also requires the council to apply a credit up to \$2,000 for strength charges incurred in 2020 to any brewery that falls within the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Microbrewery Program.</p>   |
| 3 | <p><b>Certain liquor permit fees waived; 2021.</b></p> <p>Waives the annual caterer's permit and 2:00 a.m. permit fees in calendar year 2021. The caterer's permit fee is \$300. In general, the 2:00 a.m. permit fee is based on a licensee's annual gross receipts and ranges from \$300 to \$1,000.</p>   |

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**4 Transfer; alcohol enforcement account.**

Unlike the caterer's permit fees that are deposited into the general fund, the 2:00 a.m. permit fees are dedicated to the alcohol enforcement account in the special revenue fund. This section transfers an amount equal to the lost 2:00 a.m. fee revenue from the general fund to the alcohol enforcement account in calendar year 2021.

**5 Appropriation; rate stabilization.**

Appropriates \$142,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2021 to the Metropolitan Council to offset wastewater revenue lost from issuing the refunds and credits to breweries under section 2.



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