

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act allows Blaine, Elk River, Moorhead, and St. Louis Park to issue additional on-sale liquor licenses, and allows Minneapolis and St. Paul to issue intoxicating liquor or wine and beer license for specified restaurants and theatres. The cafeteria in the state capitol would be allowed to have a wine and beer license for special events. Machines to dispense premixed frozen cocktails would be permitted. The act also creates a legislative study group to study issues relating to small breweries.

### Section

- 1 **Minneapolis theatres.** Authorizes Minneapolis to issue on-sale wine and beer licenses to the Brave New Institute and the Loring Playhouse.
- 2 **St. Paul theatres.** Allows St. Paul to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to the Great American History Theatre and to the Brave New Workshop at the Palace Theatre.
- 3 **Licenses near Metropolitan State University.** Exempts premises leased by Metropolitan State University at 730 Hennepin Avenue S. in Minneapolis from the prohibition against issuance of an intoxicating liquor license with 1,500 feet of a state university.
- 4 **Dispensing machines.** Allows the use by on-sale licensees of machines to premix and dispense frozen or iced cocktails, if the machine is cleaned daily. Provides that such a machine need not be visible to the public.
- 5 **Blaine licenses.** Allows Blaine to issue six additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.
- 6 **Elk River licenses.** Allows Elk River to issue up to six additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.
- 7 **Moorhead licenses.** Allows Moorhead to issue up to six additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.
- 8 **St. Louis Park licenses.** Allows St. Louis Park to issue up to 12 additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

- 9 **Minneapolis license.** Allows Minneapolis to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to an establishment at 4415 Nicollet Avenue, notwithstanding local law or ordinance.
- 10 **Capitol cafeteria.** Allows St. Paul to issue an on-sale wine and beer license to the capitol cafeteria for special events.
- 11 **Legislative study committee.** Creates a study committee of legislators and representatives of small and large brewers, labor, liquor retailers, and beer wholesalers to study aspects of the relationship between brewers and beer wholesalers. Provides for appointment of members by chairs of legislative committees on commerce. Requires a report to the legislature by February 15, 2002.
- 12 **Effective date.** Makes section 4 effective immediately.