

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act reenacts the 2004 omnibus liquor bill, minus a section relating to proximity of licenses to certain institutions that led to a gubernatorial veto.

### Section

- 1** **Small breweries.** Sets an annual license fee of \$500 for brewers who manufacture 2,000 to 3,500 barrels per year. Under present law the license fee for such a brewer is \$2,500.
- 2** **Off-sale licenses for brewers.** Allows a brewer of under 3,500 barrels per year to be granted an off-sale retail license subject to the same terms as off-sales by brewpubs (sales only in 64-ounce containers).
- 3** **Temporary licenses.** Allows a brewer of under 3,500 barrels per year to obtain a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license in conjunction with a social event sponsored by the brewer. Makes such licenses subject to dram shop insurance requirements.
- 4** **Severability.** Makes all provisions severable.
- 5** **Elko license.** Amends the 2003 law that authorized Elko to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Elko Speedway, by providing that the license authorizes sales on all days of the week.
- 6** **State fair wine licenses.** Provides that on-sale wine licenses at the State Fair are issued by Ramsey county rather than by St. Paul.
- 7** **Duluth license.** Allows Duluth to issue an on-sale wine and beer license for Wade Municipal Stadium.
- 8** **Minneapolis license.** Allows Minneapolis to issue an intoxicating liquor license to an establishment at 2200 Como Avenue S.E. that currently holds an on-sale wine license.
- 9** **State capitol centennial events.** Allows St. Paul to issue an on-sale wine and beer license to the Capitol 2005 Commission or Friends of the Minnesota State Capitol for events

relating to the capitol centennial. Makes license valid until January 2, 2006.

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**Effective date.** Makes section 1 effective July 1, 2005. Makes sections 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 effective immediately. Makes section 5 effective on local approval.