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Overview

A person must obtain a permit from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to produce beer or other beverages for commercial sale. This law eliminates provisions currently in MDA rules that require inspectors to deny a permit if the applicant will produce beverages in a basement or other subgrade area. Applicants still must satisfy the sanitary and other food safety standards required by statute and rule.

Section

- 1** **Lawful to produce beverages in basements or other subgrade areas, use buildings for other purposes.** Allows a person to manufacture, mix, or compound flavored beverage base or syrup; bottle or treat water; package carbonated or noncarbonated beverages; or bottle beer or other malt beverages in a basement. Also allows a person to use the building or portion thereof (e.g., the basement) for purposes other than beverage production.
- 2** **Rule amendment.** Requires MDA to amend its agency rules accordingly. Allows MDA to use an expedited rulemaking process.
- 3** **Effective date.** Both sections 1 and 2 became effective on April 2, 2010, the day after the governor signed the act into law.