

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This is the annual liquor omnibus bill.

### Section

- 1 Microdistillery.** Defines a microdistillery as a business making fewer than 40,000 proof gallons of distilled spirits in a year.
- 2 Proof gallon.** Defines a proof gallon.
- 3 Bond.** Establishes bond requirements for microdistilleries.
- 4 Brewer taproom license.** Creates a new class of license, a brewer taproom license, issued by local governments for sale at on-sale of a brewer's beer in a taproom at or adjacent to their brewery. Requires dram shop to be carried by the brewer. Allows one taproom per brewer. Prohibits large (over 250,000 barrels) brewers from having a taproom. Allows a local license fee.
- 5 Microdistiller fee.** Establishes a license fee to cover licensing costs.
- 6 License not required.** Allows bed and breakfast establishments who can currently serve two glasses of wine, to be allowed to serve 12 ounces of Minnesota produced beer.
- 7 Cities; auto racing facilities.** Allows cities to issue on-sale licenses at racing tracks.
- 8 Wine festival.** Allows for an annual wine festival to showcase wines; allows up to two glasses of wine per customer to be served.

- 9 Airports Commission.** Allows the airports commission to have licenses that are not in compact or contiguous spaces.
- 10 Temporary on-sale licenses; farm winery.** Allows municipalities to issue a temporary license to farm wineries for on-sale at a county fair located within the municipality. Allows license fees; requires approval by commissioner.
- 11 Private college.** Allows private nonprofit colleges to have liquor licenses, issued by municipalities. These licenses may be for non-contiguous spaces; for sales on all days of the week to persons attending events at the private college.
- 12 Licenses prohibited in certain areas.** Removes outdated area of service language for public universities.
- 13 White Bear township; authority to issue licenses.** Allows White Bear Lake township to issue licenses within its jurisdiction.
- 14 Changes in status; grandfather provision.** Allows the city of Rochester to have 26 off-sale licenses, notwithstanding restrictions on cities of the first class. Rochester transitioned to being a city of the first class this year.
- 15 Community baseball; alcohol issues review.** Provides for an interim study of liquor provision in baseball venues.
- 16 Effective date.** This is a technical correction to an earlier bill, already signed into law.