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Overview

This is the annual omnibus liquor bill.

- 1 Bulk wine.** Allows use of bulk wine, up to 10 percent, under specific conditions, including that the bulk wine may not be directly bottled and must be blended.
- 2 Agricultural land.** Clarifies that a farm winery license must be issued only on agricultural land and exempts existing farm wineries.
- 3 Publicly owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** Allows the University of Minnesota to serve alcohol at TCF bank stadium, including at any Vikings games played there, as long as the university serves "at a location in the stadium convenient to the general public attending..." Service must be through half-time at intercollegiate football games and must include one Minnesota-based beer.
- 4 Wine festival.** Allows wine festivals to sell certain amounts of wine at off-sale, 6 bottles per customer.
- 5 Wine educator; on-sale license.** Allows an on-sale license to be issued to a wine educator. Specifies conditions for such a license, and educational requirements that a wine educator must meet. A wine educator must have dram shop insurance and meet all other relevant liquor law requirements.
- 6 Exclusive liquor stores.** Allows exclusive liquor stores to sell clothing marked with their name or logo.
- 7 Tastings.** Allows exclusive liquor stores to conduct classes for a fee and allow tastings, provided that service is limited to existing amounts allowed under statute.
- 8 Winnebago exemption; out-of-state craft brewer.** Allows a one-time exception to state laws in order to allow out-of-state craft brewers to bring in beer for a festival in Winnebago, Minnesota. Requires that brand registration laws be complied with.

- 9 **On-sale license authorized.** Allows an on-sale license to be issued for the Bluestem Center for the Arts in Moorhead, Minnesota.
- 10 **Special provision, city of Minneapolis.** Creates a special provision to waive the charter in Minneapolis in order to allow a liquor store that was destroyed in the 2011 tornado to rebuild.
- 11 **Expiration.** This is a repeal of the earlier University of Minnesota provision, on July 1, 2014.
- 12 **Revisor's instruction.** Technical.