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Overview

This is the annual omnibus liquor act.

Section

- 1 Brewer taproom license.** This provision allows a city with municipal liquor to also allow a taproom license, correcting a technical issue in a prior bill.
- 2 Microdistilleries.** Allows microdistilleries to give samples from as many kinds of distilled liquors they wish, as long as those are manufactured on site, and as long as the total amount sampled is limited to 45 milliliters, in total, for each person.
- 3 Small brewer license.** Allows small brewers to sell Growlers, which are 64 ounce containers, or bottles containing 750 milliliters, of their brewed products. Allows municipalities to charge a licensing fee.
- 4 Interest in other business.** Technical to conform to Section 3 changes.
- 5 Permitted interests in wholesale business.** Decreases the amount of product a brewer may make, and still self-distribute their own product. Currently this is set at 25,000 barrels, and now the cut-off is at 20,000.
- 6 Wine or malt liquor educator; on-sale license.** Establishes a malt liquor educator license, modeled on the existing wine educator license, allowing persons meeting educational and certification standards to be a malt liquor educator to provide malt liquor as a part of their business model. Allows local governments to require licenses.
- 7 Alcoholic beverage tastings.** Modifies the current tasting law, which allows nonprofits to conduct wine tastings, to now include malt liquor tastings.

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- 8** **City of Saint Paul; licenses authorized.** Updates an existing law allowing the Twin Cities Marathon to have a beer license, to account for the new name of the organizer of the Marathon.
- 9** **Effective date: sunset.** Extends a provision allowing a festival in Winnebago, MN, to import beer, for one year.
- 10** **Lowertown Regional Ballpark; on-sale license.** Establishes a liquor license for the new Saints ballpark in Saint Paul, with city approval.
- 11** **Sake off-sale; clarification.** Clarifies that a sake brew-pub may sell growlers of sake.
- 12** **Valley Fair; on-sale license.** Allows Valley Fair to have one combined liquor license, rather than multiple site specific licenses, for on-sales at Valley Fair. Requires approval by Shakopee.
- 13** **City of Saint Paul.** Allows service of beer without meeting food service requirements, in Saint Paul.
- 14** **City of Minneapolis.** Allows service of beer without meeting food service requirements, in Minneapolis.
- 15** **Wheeler Field; 3.3 malt liquor license.** Allows a 3.2 malt liquor license for Wheeler Field in Duluth.
- 16** **Carlton County; on-sale.** Allows an on-sale license for a pizzeria in Thomson Township.