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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill contains assorted provisions relating to liquor:

- Lowers annual license fee for certain small brewers
- Allows small brewers to sell at off-sale
- Allows small brewers to obtain temporary on-sale licenses
- Allows brewers to give samples on tours
- Specifies that earlier license authorized for Elko Speedway allows Sunday sales
- Authorizes licenses for Wade Stadium in Duluth and a café in Minneapolis, and in connection with capitol centennial celebration

Section

- 1 Brewer licenses.** Sets an annual fee of \$500 for licenses for brewers who brew 2,000 to 3,400 barrels per year. Under present law the fee for such brewers is \$2,500.
- 2 Off-sales by small brewers.** Allows brewers who brew fewer than 3,500 barrels per year to be issued off-sale licenses allowing off-sale of their products in 64-ounce bottles. Under present law the only brewers who may sell their products at off-sale are operators of brewpubs.
- 3 Temporary licenses.** Allows a city to issue to a small brewer (under 3,500 barrels a year) a

temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license in connection with a social event in the city sponsored by the brewer.

- 4 **Beer samples.** Allows brewers to give samples up to 100 ml (approximately 3.4 ounces) of their own products to persons participating in tours.
- 5 **Severability.** Makes all provisions of the chapter of Minnesota Statutes dealing with alcoholic beverages severable.
- 6 **Elko Speedway license.** Specifies that the on-sale intoxicating liquor license authorized in 2003 for the Elko Speedway allows sales on all days of the week.
- 7 **State Fair licenses.** Transfers from St. Paul to Ramsey County the authority to issue licenses to State Fair vendors to sell Minnesota-produced wine.
- 8 **Wade Stadium (Duluth) license.** Allows Duluth to issue an on-sale wine and beer license to Wade Municipal Stadium for use during baseball games and other events of the Duluth Huskies. Allows the license to authorize sale and consumption of wine and beer in the grandstand and dining areas of the stadium. Specifies that the license allows sales on all days of the week.
- 9 **Minneapolis license.** Allows Minneapolis to issue an intoxicating liquor license to Manning's Café at 2200 Como Avenue S.E.
- 10 **State Capitol centennial license.** 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 special events at the capitol and capitol grounds in connection with the State Capitol centennial. Makes the license valid until January 2, 2006.
- 11 **Effective date.** Makes section 1 (brewer license fees) effective July 1, 2005. Makes section on Elko Speedway license effective on local approval. Makes other sections effective immediately.