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Overview

This bill makes changes in liquor policy:

- extension of 10 p.m. closing hour for off-sales statewide
- authorization for on-sales statewide on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.
- authorization for certain brewpubs to use wort not produced in Minnesota

The bill also contains local liquor provisions for Anoka, Caledonia, Duluth, Eden Prairie, Elko, Mankato, and Minneapolis

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- 1 Brewpubs.** Exempts brewpubs (brewery-restaurants) from the law requiring them to use only Minnesota-produced wort (unfermented beer) if their total sales at off-sale in any 12-month period do not exceed 10 percent of total beer production on the premises or 100 barrels, whichever is less. In the case of a brewpub that has been licensed for less than 12 months, the exemption is available if the Department of Public Safety determines that the brewer will not exceed the maximum sale during the first 12 months of licensing.
- 2 Guthrie Theater license.** Allows Minneapolis to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the concessionaire or operator for a restaurant and catering operation at the Guthrie Theater.
- 3 3.2 beer sales on Sunday.** Moves up from noon to 10 a.m. the hour on Sundays when 3.2

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- beer may first be sold. Repeals special language for 10 a.m. sales at the Metrodome.
- 4 **Sunday on-sales of intoxicating liquor.** Moves up from noon to 10 a.m. the hour on Sundays when intoxicating liquor may first be sold. Repeals language allowing local ordinances to set a 10 a.m. opening hour on Sundays.
- 5 **Off-sale closing hour.** Provides for a statewide closing hour for off-sale establishments of 10 p.m. Under present law the closing hour is 10 p.m. except in first class cities and cities within 15 miles of a first class city on Monday through Thursday, when the closing hour is 8 p.m.
- 6 **Anoka license.** Amends the 2000 law that allowed Anoka to issue an on-sale wine license for the Main Street Stage, by adding on-sale beer license.
- 7 **Elko license.** Amends the 2003 law that authorized Elko to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Elko Speedway, by
- providing that the license authorizes sales on all days of the week
 - specifying that sales may be made at any event at the speedway, at a restaurant/bar/banquet facility.
- 8 **Caledonia license.** Authorizes Caledonia to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to Caledonia Community Charities, Inc., for the Four Seasons center in Caledonia. Provides that the license authorizes sales only to persons attending events at the center.
- 9 **Duluth license.** Allows Duluth to issue an on-sale license for the Enger Park golf course or any part thereof. Allows the license to be issued to the city or a contractor operating the golf course.
- 10 **Eden Prairie license.** Allows Eden Prairie to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the entity that holds the catering contract at the cafeteria at the City Center. Provides that the license authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons attending special events at the cafeteria. Prohibits sale or dispensation of intoxicating liquor to persons attending amateur athletic events at the facility unless authorized by city council resolution.
- Allows issuance of the license for a space that is not compact and contiguous (as is otherwise required by law), if all licensed space is within the city center building and is included in the description of the licensed premises in the approved license application.
- 11 **Mankato license.** Authorizes Mankato to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Midwest Wireless Civic Center, for sales on all days of the week to persons attending events at the center.
- 12 **Mille Lacs County license.** Authorizes Mille Lacs County to issue an off-sale license to an exclusive liquor store in Eastside township, notwithstanding the law that prohibits county-issued off-sale licenses within a mile of a city with a municipal liquor store.
- 13 **Effective date.** Makes local provisions effective immediately, except Anoka and Elko provisions are effective on local approval. Change in on-sale and off-sale hours would be effective August 1, 2005.