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Overview

Legalizes off-sale wine sales for supermarkets.

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- 1 Supermarket.** Defines a supermarket for purposes of this act, as a general food store, selling a variety of mixed goods, occupying a building with at least 8,000 square feet of supermarket space.
- 2 Off-Sale Wine Licenses.**

Subd. 1. License. Requires cities to issue off-sale wine licenses to supermarkets if applicants meet specified qualifications. Applies the same provision to counties and towns. Requires the commissioner to approve. Requires renewal for licensees that continue to meet provisions of this law. Allows re-application for those denied licensure.

Subd. 2. License Requirements. Before licensure, applicants must establish and implement an employee and supervisor training program regarding state laws and sales practices; and must establish a theft prevention plan, which must be updated annually and be available for inspection.

Subd. 3. Sales authorized. Allows sales of wine containing not more than 15.5 percent alcohol by volume for consumption of the premises.

Subd. 4. Youth access compliance checks. Requires licensing jurisdictions to conduct at least one compliance check each calendar year, unannounced, at each

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licensed supermarket.

Subd. 5. Notice required. Requires posting of a notice of the ban on sales to persons under age 21, and requirement that proof of age be shown.

Subd. 6. Employees; requirements. Requires persons selling wine to have completed the employee training program within the prior 12 months. Requires that proof of age be obtained from purchasers.

Subd. 7. Display requirements. States limits on where wine may be displayed.

- 3 **Intoxicating liquor; off-sale.** States the license fee for off-sale wine licenses, which is set by the issuing body, and must reflect actual costs of enforcement.
- 4 **Limitations on issuance of licenses to one person or place.** Exempts wine licenses from limits on numbers of licenses issued to a given person or business.
- 5 **Off-sale licenses.** Exempts wine licenses for supermarkets from a limitation in current law on numbers of licenses issued.
- 6 **Entering licensed premises.** Allows persons under age 21 to enter supermarkets.