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Bill Summary

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Overview

A person must obtain a permit from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to produce beer or other beverages for commercial sale. This bill would eliminate provisions currently in MDA rules that require inspectors to deny a permit if the applicant will produce beverages in a basement or other subgrade area. Applicants would still have to satisfy the sanitary and other food safety standards required by statute and rule.

Section

- 1** **Lawful to produce beverages in basements or other subgrade areas, use buildings for other purposes.** Allows a person to manufacture, mix, or compound flavored beverage base or syrup; bottle or treat water; package carbonated or noncarbonated beverages; or bottle beer or other malt beverages in a basement. Also allows a person to use the building or portion thereof (e.g., the basement) for purposes other than beverage production.
- 2** **Rule amendment.** Requires MDA to amend its agency rules accordingly. Allows MDA to use an expedited rulemaking process.
- 3** **Effective date.** Both sections are effective the day following final enactment.