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Overview

This is the annual omnibus liquor bill.

Section

- 1 Bulk distilled spirits.** This provision adds a definition of bulk distilled spirits.
- 2 Bulk wine.** This provision adds a definition of bulk wine.
- 3 Microdistilleries.** Allows operation of a “cocktail” room. Places conditions on operation of a cocktail room, including local licensure. Requires these rooms to be a distinct license. Prohibits possession of both a small brewer and a microdistillery license by one entity.
- 4 Microdistilleries.** Technical to conform with section 3.
- 5 Small brewer license.** Allows growler sales on Sundays by taprooms.
- 6 Interest in other business.** Allows growler sales on Sundays by brewpubs.
- 7 Sales.** Increases production limits for farm wineries from 50,000 gallons per year to 65,000 gallons.
- 8 Storage.** Allows storage of farm winery products in a noncontiguous warehouse. Conforms this provision with existing rules already adopted by the Department of Public Safety. Requires notice of location to DPS.
- 9 Bulk wine or distilled spirits.** Provides that if no wholesaler is able to provide these spirits in bulk form, a farm winery may purchase them on the open market.

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- 10** **Sacramental wine.** This provision restores the sacramental wine sales allowed prior to 1995, via religious book or supply stores. The language has been tightened, including a limited insurance requirement for stores with larger sales, and tighter description of allowed sales.
- 11** **Special provision; city of Minneapolis.** Allows on-sale licenses for the Swedish American Institute and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.
- 12** **Wine licenses.** Removes a food service requirement for service of wine and beer. Increases the allowed percentage of alcohol in wine to 24 percent.
- 13** **License revocation or suspension; civil penalty.** Adds failure to comply with establishment operation requirements as an enforceable aspect of license revocation.
- 14** **Mixed drinks or cocktails.** Allows storage of cocktails that are mixed, or infused liquors. Specifies limits on amount and duration of storage.
- 15** **Malt liquor samples authorized.** Allows up to 12 sampling events per year, for brewers, up from current level of five.
- 16** **City of Richfield; on-sale license.** Allows an on-sale license for professional hockey events at the Richfield Ice Arena.
- 17** **Special license; Golden Valley.** Allows Golden Valley to issue an on-sale license to a city-owned golf course and community center.
- 18** **Brooklyn Park.** Allows an on-sale license to a wedding event center in Brooklyn Park.
- 19** **Special closing times; 2014 All-Star Game.** Allows special closing times for two days connected to the 2014 all-star game, with local approval and issuance of license.
- 20** **Revisor's instructions.** Requires the revisor to re-codify brewer and brewpub statutes for clarity purposes.
- 21** **Repealer.** Extends University of Minnesota liquor sales, removing a current sunset.