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Overview

Generally, under state law, alcoholic beverages imported into the state must come to rest with a licensed wholesaler. One exception to this general rule allows an out of state winery to ship up to two cases of wine per year to a Minnesota resident. H.F. 318 would extend this exception to out of state breweries. This bill would also exempt direct shipped malt liquor from the alcohol excise tax.

Section

- 1 Exemptions.** Exempts malt liquor shipped under the existing direct ship law from the fermented malt beverages tax.
- 2 Shipments into Minnesota.** Amends the section of law authorizing direct shipment of wine to include shipment of malt liquor from an out of state brewery to a resident of Minnesota, for personal use and not for resale. Limits the amount of malt liquor that can be shipped per year to a resident to two cases (not exceeding 288 ounces per case). Extends existing age verification requirements to these shipments.