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Overview

This is the 2017 omnibus liquor bill. The bill:

- provides for various special licenses;
- authorize off-sales of 750 milliliter bottles at microdistilleries;
- authorize Sunday on-sales at microdistilleries;
- prohibits on-sale licenses for microdistilleries if they do not process and distill 50 percent of their product on premises;
- increases the production limits for off-sales of beer by brew-pubs and microbreweries;
- expands the range of growler sizes; and
- provides for extended hours of service during the Super Bowl.

Section

- 1 Fort Ridgely State Park.** Authorizes the commissioner of public safety to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Fort Ridgely State Park Golf Course.
- 2 Activities.** Prohibits a microdistillery from operating a cocktail room unless 50 percent or more of the annual product of the microdistillery produced after July 1, 2017 is processed and distilled on premises.
- 3 Cocktail room license.** Authorizes a municipality to issue a Sunday on-sale license to a cocktail room.
- 4 Off-sale license.** Strikes the current 375 milliliter bottle per day per customer limitation on off-sales of spirits by micro-distilleries and limits total off-sales to 8,000 proof gallons.

Section

- 5 Total retail sales.** Increases the total number of barrels that a brew pub may sell at off-sale from 500 to 750.
- 6 Small brewer off-sale.** Increases the total number of barrels that a microbrewery may sell at off-sale from 500 to 750 and increases the threshold at which a microbrewery may not be issued an off-sale license from 20,000 to 40,000 barrels.
- 7 Growlers.** Authorizes growler sizes between 650 milliliters and 2 liters instead of sizes of 64 ounces or 750 milliliters. Clarifies that a growler may be any container or vessel.
- 8 3.2 percent malt liquor; label.** Modifies the 3.2 labeling requirement to require only one label on the side of the can or bottle.
- 9 Distilled spirits permitted.** Prohibits a farm winery distillery from selling a distilled spirit unless 50 percent or more of the annual product of the farm winery distillery produced after July 1, 2017 is processed and distilled on premises.
- 10 Service at Capitol.** Authorizes the city of St. Paul to issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor license to the department of administration, for the State Capitol, including the cafeteria.
- 11 Municipalities may limit hours.** Authorizes a municipality to limit the days of sale of alcoholic beverages.
- 12 City of St. Paul; licenses authorized.** Modifies the on-sale malt liquor license the city of St. Paul may issue for Twin Cities Marathon to allow for on-sale of intoxicating liquor.
- 13 City of Minneapolis; special provisions.** Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to issue an on-sale license to a restaurant located at 4312 Upton Avenue S.
- 14 Special events; Capitol.** Authorizes the city of St. Paul to issue a temporary liquor license for two special events at the State Capitol: the opening of the restored Capitol and the construction of an ice castle during the Super Bowl.
- 15 National Football League training site; on-sale licenses.** Authorizes the city of Eagan to issue an on-sale license for events at the Minnesota Vikings training site.
- 16 Special license; New Hope.** Authorizes the city of New Hope to issue an on-sale license for the New Hope Golf Course.
- 17 Special license; Sartell.** Authorizes the city of Sartell to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor, wine or malt-liquor license for events at the Sartell Community Center, Pinecone Central Park, or Champion Field.
- 18 Special closing times; 2018 Super Bowl.** Authorizes licensing jurisdictions in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties to issue licenses for extended hours of alcohol service until 4 am during the weekend of the Super Bowl.
- 19 Repealer.** Repeals the existing uncodified law authorizing the city of St. Paul to issue an on-sale license at the Capitol cafeteria, which is provided in codified form under section 10.