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Bill Summary

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Overview

The 2026 omnibus liquor bill includes a variety of special law provisions for municipalities and law changes relating to nonalcoholic beverage sales by wholesalers, alcohol service at nursing homes, and seasonal on-sale licenses.

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Section	Description
1	**Prohibited transactions.** Allows a beer manufacturer or wholesaler to engage in the lawful trade practices of the nonalcoholic beverage industry.
2	**Nursing homes, boarding care homes, and assisted living facilities; when license not required.** Allows nursing homes and assisted living facilities to serve alcohol without a license or permit provided certain conditions are met—notice must be provided to the commissioner of public safety, a facility must be appropriately licensed by the commissioner of health, only residents or their guests may consume alcoholic beverages under certain conditions, and the facility follows all other requirements of state liquor law. Facilities would be subject to penalties and enforcement actions as provided for liquor licensees and permit holders. The commissioner of public safety would also be able to prohibit alcohol service, require corrective action plans for violations, and refer health violations to the commissioner of health.
3	**Special provision; city of St. Paul.** Allows the city of St. Paul to issue two special licenses, the first to the Science Museum of Minnesota and the second to the Union Depot. The licenses for each establishment may also be issued to a concessions contractor.

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4	**Publicly owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** Modifies the license provisions for the University of Minnesota, by allowing the commissioner to issue licenses to the university's concessions contractor, eliminating the seven-license cap, and allowing licenses to be issued for spaces that are not compact and contiguous. Also makes a technical change to the name of the university's football stadium.
5	**Counties.** Allows a county to issue an unlimited number of seasonal on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses and allows seasonal on-sale licenses to be issued to resorts. Allows counties to issue seasonal malt liquor licenses to resorts.
6	**Licenses prohibited in certain areas.** Eliminates the prohibition on retail sale of intoxicating liquor on the campus of the University of Minnesota's College of Agriculture.
7	**Food hall license; Minneapolis.** Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to issue an additional food hall license to an establishment located at 800 LaSalle Avenue.
8	**Minnesota State University, Mankato; special license.** Allows the city of Mankato to issue an on-sale wine and intoxicating malt liquor license to the Taylor Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato, for events at the center. The license would be subject to reasonable conditions and restrictions imposed by the city.
9	**Special liquor law; city of Rochester.** Allows the city of Rochester to issue an on-sale license to the Historic Chateau Theater for events at the theater.
10	**City of Bloomington; on-sale beer and wine license.** Allows the city of Bloomington to issue an on-sale license to the city-owned Dwan Golf Course.
11	**Temporary licenses; Lake of the Woods County.** Allows Lake of the Woods County to issue a temporary license to the Baudette Arena Association.
12	**Special law; city of St. Louis Park.** Allows the city of St. Louis Park to issue a food hall license for a food hall located in The Shops at West End.

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13 **Special license; city of Springfield.**

Allows the city of Springfield to issue an on-sale license for the city-owned Springfield Area Community Center.

14 **Special law; Douglas County.**

Allows Douglas County to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a food truck. The license would only allow sales to persons attending a private event catered by the food truck.

The license would specify the conditions for sale and the food truck would be required to carry liability insurance.

The county could impose a fee and impose terms on the licensee. Sales would be limited to 12 total days per year, for no more than four consecutive days, and would be limited to the hours established by the county for on-sale consumption. The commissioner of public safety would also be required to approve the license.

A licensee would be required to notify local law enforcement prior to catering an event under the license.

15 **Special liquor law; city of Erhard.**

Allows the city of Erhard to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Erhard Community Park.

16 **Southwest Minnesota State University; special license.**

Allows the city of Marshall to issue an on-sale wine and intoxicating malt liquor license to the Schwan Regional Event Center and the Recreation/Athletic Facility at Southwest Minnesota State University, for events at the center. The license would be subject to reasonable conditions and restrictions imposed by the city.

17 **City of Brainerd; special license.**

Allows the city of Brainerd to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to an event center, for a premises that is not compact and contiguous.

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