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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2459

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to liquor; creating licensure for wine educators; proposing coding for
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [340A.4042] WINE EDUCATOR; ON-SALE LICENSE.

1.6 The commissioner may issue an on-sale license to a person meeting the requirements
1.7 specified in sections 340A.402 and 340A.409, at an annual cost of \$250 per license to a
1.8 wine educator and \$50 per permit for each employee of the wine educator that will be
1.9 pouring wine, under the following conditions:

1.10 (1) the license may be used to purchase wine at retail and serve wine for educational
1.11 purposes in any part of the state, unless a political subdivision adopts an ordinance
1.12 prohibiting wine education;

1.13 (2) wine educators may conduct classes and dispense wine for tasting purposes, in
1.14 an amount not to exceed five ounces per hour per person, for a maximum of three hours to
1.15 any one class in one day;

1.16 (3) all events conducted pursuant to this license must be conducted through advance
1.17 registration, and no walk-in access to the general public is permitted; and

1.18 (4) licensees must possess certification that is satisfactory to the commissioner,
1.19 including, but not limited to, a certified specialist of wine or certified wine educator status
1.20 as conferred by the Society of Wine Educators, a Wine and Spirits Education Trust
1.21 Diploma, status as a certified sommelier, or the completion of a wine industry program at
1.22 a technical college or culinary school. A wine educator must also complete Training for
1.23 Intervention Procedures (TIPS) and have a valid certificate on file with the commissioner.