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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1466

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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; authorizing microdistilleries to make off-sales and  
1.3 self-distribute; authorizing microdistilleries to obtain temporary licenses for  
1.4 social events; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 340A.22, subdivision  
1.5 1; 340A.404, subdivision 10.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Activities.** (a) A microdistillery licensed under section 340A.301,  
1.9 subdivision 6c, may provide on its premises samples of distilled spirits manufactured on  
1.10 its premises, in an amount not to exceed 15 milliliters per variety per person. No more  
1.11 than 45 milliliters may be sampled under this paragraph by any person on any day.

1.12 (b) A microdistillery may sell at off-sale any product manufactured on site to the  
1.13 public.

1.14 ~~(b)~~ (c) A microdistillery can sell cocktails to the public, pursuant to subdivision 2.

1.15 (d) A microdistillery may distribute its products directly to retailers or sell through  
1.16 wholesalers.

1.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.404, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.18 Subd. 10. **Temporary on-sale licenses.** (a) The governing body of a municipality  
1.19 may issue to (1) a club or charitable, religious, or other nonprofit organization in existence  
1.20 for at least three years, (2) a political committee registered under section 10A.14, or (3) a  
1.21 state university, a temporary license for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor in connection  
1.22 with a social event within the municipality sponsored by the licensee. The license may  
1.23 authorize the on-sale of intoxicating liquor for not more than four consecutive days, and  
1.24 may authorize on-sales on premises other than premises the licensee owns or permanently

2.1 occupies. The license may provide that the licensee may contract for intoxicating liquor  
2.2 catering services with the holder of a full-year on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by  
2.3 any municipality. The licenses are subject to the terms, including a license fee, imposed  
2.4 by the issuing municipality. Licenses issued under this subdivision are subject to all  
2.5 laws and ordinances governing the sale of intoxicating liquor except sections 340A.409  
2.6 and 340A.504, subdivision 3, paragraph (d), and those laws and ordinances which by  
2.7 their nature are not applicable. Licenses under this subdivision are not valid unless first  
2.8 approved by the commissioner of public safety.

2.9 (b) A county under this section may issue a temporary license only to a premises  
2.10 located in the unincorporated or unorganized territory of the county.

2.11 (c) The governing body of a municipality may issue to a brewer who manufactures  
2.12 fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year or a microdistillery a temporary  
2.13 license for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor in connection with a social event within  
2.14 the municipality sponsored by the brewer or microdistillery. The terms and conditions  
2.15 specified for temporary licenses under paragraph (a) shall apply to a license issued under  
2.16 this paragraph, except that the requirements of section 340A.409, subdivisions 1 to 3a,  
2.17 shall apply to the license.