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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 4089

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to liquor; allowing identification issued by a United States territory to
1.3 establish proof of age for the purchase of alcohol; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2018, section 340A.503, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 340A.503, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 6. Proof of age; defense; seizure of false identification. (a) Proof of age for
1.8 purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages may be established only by one of the
1.9 following:

1.10 (1) a valid driver's license or identification card issued by Minnesota, another state, a
1.11 United States territory, or a province of Canada, and including the photograph and date of
1.12 birth of the licensed person;

1.13 (2) a valid military identification card issued by the United States Department of Defense;

1.14 (3) a valid passport issued by the United States;

1.15 (4) a valid instructional permit issued under section 171.05 to a person of legal age to
1.16 purchase alcohol which includes a photograph and the date of birth of the person issued the
1.17 permit; or

1.18 (5) in the case of a foreign national, by a valid passport.

1.19 (b) In a prosecution under subdivision 2, clause (1), it is a defense for the defendant to
1.20 prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant reasonably and in good faith
1.21 relied upon representations of proof of age authorized in paragraph (a) in selling, bartering,
1.22 furnishing, or giving the alcoholic beverage.

2.1 (c) A licensed retailer or municipal liquor store may seize a form of identification listed
2.2 under paragraph (a) if the retailer or municipal liquor store has reasonable grounds to believe
2.3 that the form of identification has been altered or falsified or is being used to violate any
2.4 law. A retailer or municipal liquor store that seizes a form of identification as authorized
2.5 under this paragraph must deliver it to a law enforcement agency, within 24 hours of seizing
2.6 it.

2.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2020.