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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to alcohol; allowing religious stores to sell sacramental wine; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.316.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.316, is amended to read:

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**340A.316 SACRAMENTAL WINE.**

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The commissioner may issue licenses for the importation and sale of wine

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exclusively for sacramental purposes. The holder of a sacramental wine license may

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sell wine only to a rabbi, priest, or minister of a church, or other established religious

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organization, or individual members of a religious organization who conduct ceremonies

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in their homes, if the purchaser certifies in writing that the wine will be used exclusively

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for sacramental purposes in religious ceremonies. The annual fee for a sacramental wine

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license is \$50. A rabbi, priest, or minister of a church or other established religious

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organization may import wine exclusively for sacramental purposes without a license.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.