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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2932

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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 wine festivals to offer limited off-sales of wine by  
1.3 the bottle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 340A.404,  
1.4 subdivision 5a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2011 Supplement, section 340A.404, subdivision 5a,  
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 5a. **Wine festival.** A municipality with the approval of the commissioner may  
1.9 issue a temporary license to a bona fide association of owners and operators of wineries  
1.10 sponsoring an annual festival to showcase wines produced by members of the association.  
1.11 The license issued under this subdivision authorizes the sale of table, sparkling, or fortified  
1.12 wines produced by the wineries at on-sale by the glass, provided that no more than two  
1.13 glasses per customer may be sold, and off-sale by the bottle, provided that no more than  
1.14 six bottles per customer may be sold. The license also authorizes the dispensing of free  
1.15 samples of the wines offered for sale within designated premises of the festival. A license  
1.16 issued under this subdivision is subject to all laws and ordinances governing the sale,  
1.17 possession, and consumption of table, sparkling, or fortified wines. For purposes of this  
1.18 subdivision, a "bona fide association of owners and operators of wineries" means an  
1.19 association of more than ten wineries that has been in existence for more than two years at  
1.20 the time of application for the temporary license.

1.21 Sec. 2. REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.

- 2.1 The revisor of statutes shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.404,  
2.2 subdivision 5a, as Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.4175, and make any necessary  
2.3 cross-reference changes in Minnesota Statutes.