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H. F. No. 2027

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Read for the Second Time

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to liquor; authorizing the issuance of local licenses; modifying certain

1.3 requirements of liquor licenses issued to the Board of Regents of the University

1.4 of Minnesota; establishing a food truck license; permitting persons who are 17

1.5 years of age to serve alcoholic beverages; modifying wine transfer provisions;

1.6 amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 340A.404, subdivisions 2b, 4a, by

1.7 adding a subdivision; 340A.412, subdivisions 4, 10; 340A.417; Laws 2017, First

1.8 Special Session chapter 4, article 5, section 12.

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

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.404, subdivision 2b, is amended to

1.11 read:

1.12 Subd. 2b. **Special provision; city of St. Paul.** (a) The city of St. Paul may issue an

1.13 on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Fitzgerald Theatre, the Great American History

1.14 Theater at 30 East 10th Street, and the Brave New Workshop at the Palace Theater at 17

1.15 West Seventh Place, notwithstanding the limitations of law, or local ordinance, or charter

1.16 provision relating to zoning or school or church distances. The license authorizes sales on

1.17 all days of the week to holders of tickets for performances presented by the theatre and to

1.18 members of the nonprofit corporation holding the license and to their guests.

1.19 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the city of St.

1.20 Paul may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Science Museum of Minnesota,

1.21 or its concessionaire or operator, for use on the premises of the Science Museum of Minnesota

1.22 at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard. The license authorizes sales on all days of the week.

1.23 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the city of St.

1.24 Paul may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Union Depot, or its concessionaire

or operator, for use on the premises of the Union Depot at 214 Fourth Street East. The license authorizes sales on all days of the week.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the St. Paul City Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:

Subd. 4a. **Publicly owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the commissioner may issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses:

(1) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the premises of any Giants Ridge Recreation Area building or recreational improvement area owned by the state in the city of Biwabik, St. Louis County;

(2) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the premises of any Ironworld Discovery Center building or facility owned by the state at Chisholm;

(3) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota or to an entity holding a concessions contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for events at Northrop Auditorium, the intercollegiate football stadium, including any games played by the Minnesota Vikings at the stadium, and ~~at no more than seven~~ for other locations within the boundaries of the University of Minnesota that are described in the approved license applications, provided that the Board of Regents has approved an application for a license for the specified location and provided that a license for an intercollegiate football stadium is void unless it meets the conditions of paragraph (b). Licenses may be issued for space that is not compact and contiguous, provided that all space is included in the description of the licensed premises on the approved license applications. It is solely within the discretion of the Board of Regents to choose the manner in which to carry out these conditions consistent with the requirements of paragraph (b); and

(4) to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority for beverage sales on the premises of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Arena during intercollegiate hockey games.

The commissioner shall charge a fee for licenses issued under this subdivision in an amount comparable to the fee for comparable licenses issued in surrounding cities.

(b) No alcoholic beverage may be sold or served at ~~TCF~~ Huntington Bank Stadium unless the Board of Regents holds an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the stadium as provided in paragraph (a), clause (3), that provides for the sale of intoxicating liquor at a location in the stadium that is convenient to the general public attending an intercollegiate football game at the stadium. On-sale liquor sales to the general public must be available at that location through half-time of an intercollegiate football game at ~~TCF~~ Huntington Bank Stadium, and sales at the stadium must comply with section 340A.909.

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

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.404, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. **Food truck.** (a) The governing body of a municipality may issue a temporary license to a food truck for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor at a private event that the food truck has entered into a contract with a person to cater. For purposes of this section, "food truck" means a business that is licensed or permitted by the licensing authority to prepare and sell food from a motorized vehicle or trailer within the municipality.

(b) A license under this subdivision must specify the conditions under which the intoxicating liquor must be dispensed and consumed and shall not be issued unless the licensee demonstrates that it has liability insurance as prescribed by section 340A.409 to cover the event. The license under this subdivision authorizes sales on all days of the week only to the person who has entered into a catering contract with the food truck, and the person's guests.

(c) A license under this subdivision is subject to the terms, including a license fee, imposed by the issuing municipality and all laws and ordinances governing the sale of intoxicating liquor. A license under this subdivision authorizes the on-sale of intoxicating liquor for not more than four consecutive days and not more than 12 days per year. No sale under this license may be made outside the hours established by the municipality for on-premises consumption. Licenses under this subdivision are not valid unless first approved by the commissioner of public safety.

(d) The licensee shall notify prior to any private catered event:

(1) the police chief of the city where the event will take place, if the event will take place within the corporate limits of a city; or

(2) the county sheriff of the county where the event will take place, if the event will be outside the corporate limits of any city.

4.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.412, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

4.2 Subd. 4. **Licenses prohibited in certain areas.** (a) No license to sell intoxicating liquor  
4.3 may be issued within the following areas:

4.4 (1) where restricted against commercial use through zoning ordinances and other  
4.5 proceedings or legal processes regularly had for that purpose, except licenses may be issued  
4.6 to restaurants in areas which were restricted against commercial uses after the establishment  
4.7 of the restaurant;

4.8 (2) within the Capitol or on the Capitol grounds, except as provided under Laws 1983,  
4.9 chapter 259, section 9, or Laws 1999, chapter 202, section 13;

4.10 (3) on the State Fairgrounds, except as provided under section 37.21, subdivision 2;

4.11 ~~(4) on the campus of the College of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota;~~

4.12 ~~(5)~~ (4) within 1,000 feet of a state hospital, training school, reformatory, prison, or other  
4.13 institution under the supervision or control, in whole or in part, of the Direct Care and  
4.14 Treatment executive board or the commissioner of corrections;

4.15 ~~(6)~~ (5) in a town or municipality in which a majority of votes at the last election at which  
4.16 the question of license was voted upon were not in favor of license under section 340A.416,  
4.17 or within one-half mile of any such town or municipality, except that intoxicating liquor  
4.18 manufactured within this radius may be sold to be consumed outside it; and

4.19 ~~(7)~~ (6) within 1,500 feet of any public school that is not within a city.

4.20 (b) The restrictions of this subdivision do not apply to a manufacturer or wholesaler of  
4.21 intoxicating liquor or to a drugstore or to a person who had a license originally issued  
4.22 lawfully prior to July 1, 1967.

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

4.24 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.412, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

4.25 Subd. 10. **Employment of minors.** No person under 18 years of age may ~~serve or~~ sell  
4.26 intoxicating liquor in a retail ~~intoxicating liquor~~ establishment that has an off-sale intoxicating  
4.27 liquor license. Notwithstanding section 181A.115, a person 17 years of age may serve or  
4.28 sell intoxicating liquor in a retail establishment that has an on-sale intoxicating liquor license,  
4.29 provided that the service or sale is supervised by an employee of the establishment who is  
4.30 over 17 years of age.

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

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.417, is amended to read:

**340A.417 SHIPMENTS INTO MINNESOTA.**

(a) Notwithstanding section 297G.07, subdivision 2, or any provision of this chapter, a winery licensed in a state other than Minnesota, or a winery located in Minnesota, may ship, for personal use and not for resale, not more than ~~two~~ four cases of wine, containing a maximum of nine liters per case, in any calendar year to any resident of Minnesota age 21 or over. Delivery of a shipment under this section may not be deemed a sale in this state.

(b) The shipping container of any wine sent under this section must be clearly marked "Alcoholic Beverages: adult signature (over 21 years of age) required."

(c) It is not the intent of this section to impair the distribution of wine through distributors or importing distributors, but only to permit shipments of wine for personal use.

(d) No criminal penalty may be imposed on a person for a violation of this section other than a violation described in paragraph (e) or (f). Whenever it appears to the commissioner that any person has engaged in any act or practice constituting a violation of this section, and the violation is not within two years of any previous violation of this section, the commissioner shall issue and cause to be served upon the person an order requiring the person to cease and desist from violating this section. The order must give reasonable notice of the rights of the person to request a hearing and must state the reason for the entry of the order. Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, a hearing shall be held not later than seven days after the request for the hearing is received by the commissioner after which and within 20 days after the receipt of the administrative law judge's report and subsequent exceptions and argument, the commissioner shall issue an order vacating the cease and desist order, modifying it, or making it permanent as the facts require. If no hearing is requested within 30 days of the service of the order, the order becomes final and remains in effect until modified or vacated by the commissioner. All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14. If the person to whom a cease and desist order is issued fails to appear at the hearing after being duly notified, the person shall be deemed in default, and the proceeding may be determined against the person upon consideration of the cease and desist order, the allegations of which may be deemed to be true.

(e) Any person who violates this section within two years of a violation for which a cease and desist order was issued under paragraph (d), is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(f) Any person who commits a third or subsequent violation of this section within any subsequent two-year period is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

6.1 Sec. 7. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 4, article 5, section 12, is amended to  
6.2 read:

6.3 Sec. 12. **FOOD HALL LICENSE; MINNEAPOLIS.**

6.4 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.101, subdivision 25, 340A.401, or  
6.5 340A.410, subdivision 7, or any other law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of  
6.6 Minneapolis may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for a licensee serving as an  
6.7 anchor tenant for a food hall ~~to be located at 501 30th Avenue Southeast~~. The license may  
6.8 allow service and consumption anywhere within the licensee establishment, and anywhere  
6.9 within the larger food hall, provided that the larger premises is specified in the on-sale  
6.10 license. Multiple independent food vendors will be able to utilize a common seating area  
6.11 under the control of the liquor license holder to allow the public to purchase and consume  
6.12 food from third parties while also consuming licensed beverages sold by the license holder.  
6.13 Licenses may only be issued for food halls at the following locations:

6.14 (1) 501 30th Avenue Southeast; and

6.15 (2) 800 LaSalle Avenue.

6.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the city of Minneapolis  
6.17 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

6.18 Sec. 8. **SPECIAL LAW; CITY OF ST. LOUIS PARK.**

6.19 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.101, subdivision 25; 340A.401; or  
6.20 340A.410, subdivision 7, or any other law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of St. Louis  
6.21 Park may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a licensee serving as an anchor  
6.22 tenant for a food hall located in any portion of the mall commonly known as The Shops at  
6.23 West End. The license may allow service and consumption anywhere within the licensee  
6.24 establishment, and anywhere within the larger food hall, provided that the larger premises  
6.25 is specified in the on-sale license. Multiple independent food vendors will be able to utilize  
6.26 a common seating area under the control of the liquor license holder to allow the public to  
6.27 purchase and consume food from third parties while also consuming licensed beverages  
6.28 sold by the license holder.

6.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the St. Louis Park City  
6.30 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

7.1       Sec. 9. **MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO; SPECIAL LICENSE.**

7.2       Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision to the contrary, the  
7.3 city of Mankato may issue an on-sale wine and malt liquor intoxicating liquor license to  
7.4 Minnesota State University, Mankato, for events at the Taylor Center, and for other locations  
7.5 within the boundaries of the campus of Minnesota State University, Mankato, that are  
7.6 described in the approved license applications, provided that a license for any location other  
7.7 than the Taylor Center is issued for a space that is compact and contiguous. A license under  
7.8 this section authorizes sales on all days of the week, subject to the hours and days of sale  
7.9 restrictions in Minnesota Statutes, and any reasonable license conditions or restrictions  
7.10 imposed by the licensing authority. All other provisions of Minnesota Statutes not  
7.11 inconsistent with this section apply to the license authorized under this section.

7.12       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Mankato City  
7.13 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

7.14       Sec. 10. **CITY OF BLOOMINGTON; ON-SALE LICENSE.**

7.15       Notwithstanding any other law or ordinance to the contrary, the city of Bloomington  
7.16 may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the Dwan Golf Course, which is located  
7.17 in and owned by the city. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A, not  
7.18 inconsistent with this section, apply to the license issued under this section. The city of  
7.19 Bloomington is deemed the licensee under this section, and the provisions of Minnesota  
7.20 Statutes, sections 340A.603 and 340A.604, apply to the license as if the establishment were  
7.21 a municipal liquor store.

7.22       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the city of Bloomington  
7.23 and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

7.24       Sec. 11. **TEMPORARY LICENSES; LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY.**

7.25       Lake of the Woods County may issue temporary licenses pursuant to law for premises  
7.26 of the Baudette Arena Association, without regard to the restriction set forth in Minnesota  
7.27 Statutes, section 340A.412, subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clause (6).

7.28       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Lake of the Woods  
7.29 County Board of Commissioners and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

8.1       Sec. 12. **SPECIAL LIQUOR LAW; CITY OF ROCHESTER.**

8.2       Notwithstanding any other law, ordinance, or charter provision to the contrary, the city  
8.3 of Rochester may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the Historic Chateau Theater,  
8.4 located in the city at 15 1st Street Southwest. The license authorizes sales on all days of the  
8.5 week to persons attending performances, exhibitions, or any other events at the theater. The  
8.6 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A, not inconsistent with this section, apply to  
8.7 a license issued under this section.

8.8       **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Rochester City  
8.9 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.

8.10      Sec. 13. **SPECIAL LICENSE; CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.**

8.11      The city of Springfield may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, an on-sale wine  
8.12 and strong beer license, or an on-sale including Sunday intoxicating liquor license for the  
8.13 city-owned facility known as the Springfield Area Community Center, notwithstanding any  
8.14 law, local ordinance, or charter provision. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
8.15 340A, not inconsistent with this section, apply to the license issued under this section. The  
8.16 city of Springfield is deemed the licensee under this section, and the provisions of Minnesota  
8.17 Statutes, sections 340A.603 and 340A.604, apply to the license as if the facility was a  
8.18 municipal liquor store.

8.19      **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon approval by the Springfield City  
8.20 Council and compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021.