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NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to intoxicating liquor; authorizing seasonal licenses for resorts; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.404, subdivision 6.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.404, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **Counties.** (a) A county board may issue an annual on-sale intoxicating liquor  
1.7 license within the area of the county that is unorganized or unincorporated to a bowling  
1.8 center, restaurant, club, hotel, or resort as defined in section 157.15, subdivision 11, with  
1.9 the approval of the commissioner.

1.10 (b) A county board may also with the approval of the commissioner issue ~~up to ten~~  
1.11 seasonal on-sale licenses to restaurants ~~and~~, clubs, and resorts as defined in section 157.15,  
1.12 subdivision 11, for the sale of intoxicating liquor within the area of the county that is  
1.13 unorganized or unincorporated. Notwithstanding section 340A.412, subdivision 8, a seasonal  
1.14 license is valid for a period specified by the board, not to exceed nine months. Not more  
1.15 than one license may be issued for any one premises during any consecutive 12-month  
1.16 period.

1.17 (c) A county board may issue an annual on-sale malt liquor license to a resort as defined  
1.18 in section 157.15, subdivision 11, within the area of the county that is unorganized or  
1.19 unincorporated, notwithstanding any law or local ordinance. A license issued under this  
1.20 paragraph authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons staying at the resort and their  
1.21 guests.