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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to liquor; modifying certain license restrictions; amending Minnesota  
1.3 Statutes 2020, section 340A.22, subdivision 2.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 340A.22, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Cocktail room license.** (a) A municipality, including a city with a municipal  
1.7 liquor store, may issue the holder of a microdistillery license under this chapter a  
1.8 microdistillery cocktail room license. A microdistillery cocktail room license authorizes  
1.9 on-sale of distilled liquor produced by the distiller for consumption on the premises of or  
1.10 adjacent to one distillery location owned by the distiller. Notwithstanding section 340A.504,  
1.11 subdivision 3, a cocktail room may be open and may conduct on-sale business on Sundays  
1.12 if authorized by the municipality. Nothing in this subdivision precludes the holder of a  
1.13 microdistillery cocktail room license from also holding a license to operate a restaurant at  
1.14 the distillery. Section 340A.409 shall apply to a license issued under this subdivision. All  
1.15 provisions of this chapter that apply to a retail liquor license shall apply to a license issued  
1.16 under this subdivision unless the provision is explicitly inconsistent with this subdivision.

1.17 (b) A distiller may only have one cocktail room license under this subdivision, and may  
1.18 not have an ownership interest in a distillery licensed under section 340A.301, subdivision  
1.19 6, clause (a).

1.20 (c) The municipality shall impose a licensing fee on a distiller holding a microdistillery  
1.21 cocktail room license under this subdivision, subject to limitations applicable to license fees  
1.22 under section 340A.408, subdivision 2, paragraph (a).

2.1 (d) A municipality shall, within ten days of the issuance of a license under this  
2.2 subdivision, inform the commissioner of the licensee's name and address and trade name,  
2.3 and the effective date and expiration date of the license. The municipality shall also inform  
2.4 the commissioner of a license transfer, cancellation, suspension, or revocation during the  
2.5 license period.

2.6 (e) No single entity may hold both a cocktail room and taproom license, and a cocktail  
2.7 room and taproom may not be colocated unless an entity was currently holding a taproom  
2.8 license under section 340A.26, and a microdistillery license under this section, prior to  
2.9 August 20, 2014.