

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 2410

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03/13/2012	4364	Introduction and first reading Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection See SF2392, Sec. 6

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A bill for an act

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relating to alcohol; allowing an off-sale licensee to host monthly educational

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tasting events; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.419,

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subdivision 2.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.419, subdivision 2, is amended to

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read:

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Subd. 2. **Tastings.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may

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conduct a wine, malt liquor, or spirits tasting on the premises of a holder of an on-sale

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intoxicating liquor license that is not a temporary license or on the premises of a holder

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of a wine license under section 340A.404, subdivision 5, if the exclusive liquor store

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complies with this section.

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(b) No wine, malt liquor, or spirits authorized for use under this section may be sold

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for off-premises consumption. A participant in the tasting may fill out a form indicating

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preferences for wine, malt liquor, or spirits. The form may be held on the premises of the

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exclusive liquor store to assist the participant in making an off-sale purchase at a later date.

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(c) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may purchase or

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otherwise obtain wine or spirits for a tasting conducted under this section from a

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wholesaler licensed to sell wine or spirits. The wholesaler may sell or give wine or spirits

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to an exclusive liquor store for a tasting conducted under this section and may provide

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personnel to assist in the tasting.

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(d) An exclusive liquor store that conducts a tasting under this section must use

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any fees collected from participants in the tasting only to defray the cost of conducting

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the tasting.

2.1 (e) Notwithstanding section 340A.409, subdivision 4, the premises on which a
2.2 tasting is conducted must be insured as required by section 340A.409, subdivision 1.

2.3 (f) Exclusive liquor stores may conduct classes for a fee and allow tastings in the
2.4 conduct of those classes, provided that the amount served at a class is limited to the
2.5 amount authorized under section 340A.4041.

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