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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1884**

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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 alcohol; allowing learner's permits for adults as identification for the  
1.3 purchase of alcohol; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.503,  
1.4 subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.503, subdivision 6, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Proof of age; defense; seizure of false identification.** (a) Proof of age  
1.9 for purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages may be established only by one of  
1.10 the following:

1.11 (1) a valid driver's license or identification card issued by Minnesota, another state, or  
1.12 a province of Canada, and including the photograph and date of birth of the licensed person;

1.13 (2) a valid military identification card issued by the United States Department of  
1.14 Defense;

1.15 (3) a valid passport issued by the United States;

1.16 (4) a valid instructional permit issued under section 171.05 to an adult of legal  
1.17 age to purchase alcohol; or

1.18 ~~(4)~~ (5) in the case of a foreign national, by a valid passport.

1.19 (b) In a prosecution under subdivision 2, clause (1), it is a defense for the defendant  
1.20 to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant reasonably and in good  
1.21 faith relied upon representations of proof of age authorized in paragraph (a) in selling,  
1.22 bartering, furnishing, or giving the alcoholic beverage.

1.23 (c) A licensed retailer or municipal liquor store may seize a form of identification  
1.24 listed under paragraph (a) if the retailer or municipal liquor store has reasonable grounds

2.1 to believe that the form of identification has been altered or falsified or is being used to  
2.2 violate any law. A retailer or municipal liquor store that seizes a form of identification as  
2.3 authorized under this paragraph must deliver it to a law enforcement agency, within 24  
2.4 hours of seizing it.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015.