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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2812

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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 an off-sale licensee to host monthly educational
1.3 tasting events; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.419,
1.4 subdivision 2.

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

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

1.8 Subd. 2. **Tastings.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may
1.9 conduct a wine, malt liquor, or spirits tasting on the premises of a holder of an on-sale
1.10 intoxicating liquor license that is not a temporary license or on the premises of a holder
1.11 of a wine license under section 340A.404, subdivision 5, if the exclusive liquor store
1.12 complies with this section.

1.13 (b) No wine, malt liquor, or spirits authorized for use under this section may be sold
1.14 for off-premises consumption. A participant in the tasting may fill out a form indicating
1.15 preferences for wine, malt liquor, or spirits. The form may be held on the premises of the
1.16 exclusive liquor store to assist the participant in making an off-sale purchase at a later date.

1.17 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may purchase or
1.18 otherwise obtain wine or spirits for a tasting conducted under this section from a
1.19 wholesaler licensed to sell wine or spirits. The wholesaler may sell or give wine or spirits
1.20 to an exclusive liquor store for a tasting conducted under this section and may provide
1.21 personnel to assist in the tasting.

1.22 (d) An exclusive liquor store that conducts a tasting under this section must use
1.23 any fees collected from participants in the tasting only to defray the cost of conducting
1.24 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.