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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; permitting cities to issue certain on-sale licenses and modifying
1.3 list of licensees to include a golf course; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 340A.404, subdivisions 1, 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 340A.404, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Cities.** (a) A city may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, an
1.8 on-sale wine license, or an on-sale malt liquor license to the following establishments located
1.9 within its jurisdiction:

1.10 (1) hotels;

1.11 (2) restaurants;

1.12 (3) bowling centers;

1.13 (4) clubs or congressionally chartered veterans organizations with the approval of the
1.14 commissioner, provided that the organization has been in existence for at least three years
1.15 and liquor sales will only be to members and bona fide guests, except that a club may permit
1.16 the general public to participate in a wine tasting conducted at the club under section
1.17 340A.419;

1.18 (5) sports facilities, restaurants, clubs, or bars located on land owned or leased by the
1.19 Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority;

1.20 (6) sports facilities located on land owned by the Metropolitan Sports Commission;

1.21 (7) exclusive liquor stores; ~~and~~

2.1 (8) resorts as defined in section 157.15, subdivision 11; and

2.2 (9) golf courses.

2.3 (b) A city may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, an on-sale wine license, or
2.4 an on-sale malt liquor license to a theater within the city, notwithstanding any law, local
2.5 ordinance, or charter provision. A license issued under this paragraph authorizes sales on
2.6 all days of the week to persons attending events at the theater.

2.7 (c) A city may issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license, an on-sale wine license, or
2.8 an on-sale malt liquor license to a convention center within the city, notwithstanding any
2.9 law, local ordinance, or charter provision. A license issued under this paragraph authorizes
2.10 sales on all days of the week to persons attending events at the convention center. This
2.11 paragraph does not apply to convention centers located in the seven-county metropolitan
2.12 area.

2.13 (d) A municipality may issue an on-sale wine license and an on-sale malt liquor license
2.14 to a person who is the owner of a summer collegiate league baseball team or baseball team
2.15 competing in a league established by the Minnesota Baseball Association, or to a person
2.16 holding a concessions or management contract with the owner, for beverage sales at a
2.17 ballpark or stadium located within the municipality for the purposes of summer collegiate
2.18 league baseball games, town ball games, and any other events at the ballpark or stadium,
2.19 notwithstanding any law, local ordinance, or charter provision. A license issued under this
2.20 paragraph authorizes sales on all days of the week to persons attending baseball games and
2.21 any other events at the ballpark or stadium.

2.22 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 340A.404, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.23 Subd. 6. **Counties.** (a) A county board may issue an annual on-sale intoxicating liquor
2.24 license, an on-sale wine license, or an on-sale malt liquor license within the area of the
2.25 county that is unorganized or unincorporated to a bowling center, restaurant, club, hotel,
2.26 golf course, or resort as defined in section 157.15, subdivision 11, with the approval of the
2.27 commissioner.

2.28 (b) A county board may also with the approval of the commissioner issue up to ten
2.29 seasonal on-sale licenses to restaurants and clubs for the sale of intoxicating liquor within
2.30 the area of the county that is unorganized or unincorporated. Notwithstanding section
2.31 340A.412, subdivision 8, a seasonal license is valid for a period specified by the board, not
2.32 to exceed nine months. Not more than one license may be issued for any one premises
2.33 during any consecutive 12-month period.