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A bill for an act
relating to liquor; modifying requirements for a wine tasting conducted by a
nonprofit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.418, subdivision 2.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.418, subdivision 2, is amended to
read:

Subd. 2. **Tastings authorized.** (a) A charitable, religious, or other nonprofit
organization may conduct a wine tasting of not more than four hours duration on premises
the organization owns or leases or has use donated to it, or on the licensed premises
of a holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license that is not a temporary license, if
the organization ~~holds a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license under section~~
~~340A.404, subdivision 10, and~~ otherwise complies with the requirements of this section.
An organization holding a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license under section
304A.404, subdivision 10, may be assisted in conducting ~~the~~ a wine tasting by another
nonprofit organization.

(b) An organization that conducts a wine tasting under this section may use the net
proceeds from the wine tasting only for:

- (1) the organization's primary nonprofit purpose; or
- (2) donation to another nonprofit organization assisting in the wine tasting, if the
other nonprofit organization uses the donation only for that organization's primary
nonprofit purpose.

(c) No wine at a wine tasting under this section may be sold, or orders taken, for
off-premises consumption.

2.1 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, an organization may purchase or otherwise
2.2 obtain wine for a wine tasting conducted under this section from a wholesaler licensed to
2.3 sell wine, and the wholesaler may sell or give wine to an organization for a wine tasting
2.4 conducted under this section and may provide personnel to assist in the wine tasting. A
2.5 wholesaler who sells or gives wine to an organization for a wine tasting under this section
2.6 must deliver the wine directly to the location where the wine tasting is conducted.

2.7 (e) This section does not prohibit or restrict a wine tasting that is:

2.8 (1) located on on-sale premises where no charitable organization is participating; or

2.9 (2) located on on-sale premises where the proceeds are for a designated charity but
2.10 where the tasting is primarily for educational purposes.

2.11 (f) The four-hour limitation specified in paragraph (a) shall not apply to a wine
2.12 tasting at a convention of fine wine and gourmet food exhibitors, provided the convention
2.13 has at least 100 exhibitors and takes place over not more than three days.