

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to alcohol; allowing malt liquor or spirits tastings; modifying licensing
1.3 conditions for the University of Minnesota; dedicating funds to a scholarship
1.4 account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.419, as amended;
1.5 Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a;
1.6 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 137.

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

1.8 Section 1. [137.66] SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

1.9 As a condition of acceptance of a license under section 340A.404, subdivision
1.10 4a, paragraph (a), clause (3), the University of Minnesota shall deposit all revenues
1.11 guaranteed through the existence of this license to a scholarships account. These funds
1.12 must be dedicated for meritorious scholarships for men and women athletes attending the
1.13 University of Minnesota.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a,
1.15 is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 4a. **Publicly owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** (a)

1.17 Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the commissioner
1.18 may issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses:

1.19 (1) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a
1.20 concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the
1.21 premises of any Giants Ridge Recreation Area building or recreational improvement area
1.22 owned by the state in the city of Biwabik, St. Louis County;

1.23 (2) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a
1.24 concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the

2.1 premises of any Ironworld Discovery Center building or facility owned by the state at
2.2 Chisholm;

2.3 (3) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for events at Northrop
2.4 Auditorium, the intercollegiate football stadium, or at no more than seven other locations
2.5 within the boundaries of the University of Minnesota, provided that the Board of Regents
2.6 has approved an application for a license for the specified location ~~and provided that a~~
2.7 ~~license for an arena or stadium location is void unless it requires the sale or service of~~
2.8 ~~intoxicating liquor throughout the arena or stadium if intoxicating liquor is sold or served~~
2.9 ~~anywhere in the arena or stadium;~~ and

2.10 (4) to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority for beverage
2.11 sales on the premises of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Arena during
2.12 intercollegiate hockey games.

2.13 The commissioner shall charge a fee for licenses issued under this subdivision in an
2.14 amount comparable to the fee for comparable licenses issued in surrounding cities.

2.15 (b) No alcoholic beverage may be sold or served at TCF Bank Stadium unless the
2.16 Board of Regents holds an on-sale intoxicating liquor license for the stadium as provided
2.17 in paragraph (a), clause (3).

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

2.19 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.419, as amended by Laws 2009, chapter
2.20 120, section 12, is amended to read:

2.21 **340A.419 WINE TASTINGS CONDUCTED BY EXCLUSIVE LIQUOR**
2.22 **STORE.**

2.23 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a "~~wine~~ tasting" is an event
2.24 of not more than four hours' duration at which persons pay a fee to participate and are
2.25 allowed to consume wine, malt liquor, or spirits by the glass without paying a separate
2.26 charge for each glass.

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

2.32 (b) No wine ~~at a wine tasting~~, malt liquor, or spirits authorized for use under this
2.33 section may be sold for off-premises consumption. A participant in the tasting may fill out
2.34 a form indicating preferences for wine, malt liquor, or spirits. The form may be held on

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

3.3 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may purchase or
3.4 otherwise obtain wine or spirits for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section from
3.5 a wholesaler licensed to sell wine or spirits. The wholesaler may sell or give wine or
3.6 spirits to an exclusive liquor store for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section and may
3.7 provide personnel to assist in the ~~wine~~ tasting.

3.8 (d) An exclusive liquor store that conducts a ~~wine~~ tasting under this section must use
3.9 any fees collected from participants in the tasting only to defray the cost of conducting
3.10 the tasting.

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

3.13 Subd. 3. Malt liquor tastings. An exclusive liquor store conducting a malt liquor
3.14 tasting under this section must also comply with the requirements of section 340A.510,
3.15 subdivision 2.

3.16 Sec. 4. **SERVICE EXPANSION STUDY.**

3.17 The University of Minnesota, in conjunction with the chairs of the commerce
3.18 committees of the house of representatives and senate, shall examine issues related to
3.19 the expansion of service under Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a,
3.20 paragraph (a), clause (3), and shall report findings, if any, by January 15, 2012, to the
3.21 appropriate committees of the legislature.