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1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to liquor; authorizing commissioner of public safety to issue a license

1.3for wine festivals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.404, by

1.4adding a subdivision.

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

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.404, is amended by adding a

1.7subdivision to read:

1.8Subd. 5a. **Wine festival.** The commissioner may issue a temporary license to

1.9an association of owners and operators of wineries located within the state sponsoring

1.10an annual festival to showcase Minnesota-produced wines. The license issued under

1.11this subdivision authorizes the sale of table, sparkling, or fortified wines produced by

1.12Minnesota wineries at on-sale by the glass, or off-sale by the bottle, and the dispensing of

1.13free samples of the wines offered for sale within designated premises of the festival. A

1.14license issued under this subdivision is subject to all laws and ordinances governing the

1.15sale, possession, and consumption of table, sparkling, or fortified wines.