

## CHAPTER 340A

## LIQUOR

340A.301	MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALEERS LICENSES.	340A.412	LICENSE RESTRICTIONS; INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES.
340A.315	FARM WINERY LICENSE.	340A.414	CONSUMPTION AND DISPLAY PERMITS.
340A.404	INTOXICATING LIQUOR; ON-SALE LICENSES.	340A.707	AUCTION OR RAFFLE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.
340A.408	RETAIL LICENSE FEES.		

**340A.301 MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALEERS LICENSES.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 6a, see M.S.2006]*

**Subd. 7. Interest in other business.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, a holder of a license as a manufacturer, brewer, importer, or wholesaler may not have any ownership, in whole or in part, in a business holding a retail intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor license. The commissioner may not issue a license under this section to a manufacturer, brewer, importer, or wholesaler if a retailer of intoxicating liquor has a direct or indirect interest in the manufacturer, brewer, importer, or wholesaler. A manufacturer or wholesaler of intoxicating liquor may use or have property rented for retail intoxicating liquor sales only if the manufacturer or wholesaler has owned the property continuously since November 1, 1933. A retailer of intoxicating liquor may not use or have property rented for the manufacture or wholesaling of intoxicating liquor.

(b) A brewer licensed under subdivision 6, clause (d), may be issued an on-sale intoxicating liquor or 3.2 percent malt liquor license by a municipality for a restaurant operated in the place of manufacture. Notwithstanding section 340A.405, a brewer who holds an on-sale license issued pursuant to this paragraph or a brewer who manufactures fewer than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year may, with the approval of the commissioner, be issued a license by a municipality for off-sale of malt liquor produced and packaged on the licensed premises. Off-sale of malt liquor shall be limited to the legal hours for off-sale at exclusive liquor stores in the jurisdiction in which the brewer is located, and the malt liquor sold off-sale must be removed from the premises before the applicable off-sale closing time at exclusive liquor stores. The malt liquor shall be packaged in 64-ounce containers commonly known as "growlers" or in 750 milliliter bottles. The containers or bottles shall bear a twist-type closure, cork, stopper, or plug. At the time of the sale, a paper or plastic adhesive band, strip, or sleeve shall be applied to the container or bottle and extend over the top of the twist-type closure, cork, stopper, or plug forming a seal that must be broken upon opening of the container or bottle. The adhesive band, strip, or sleeve shall bear the name and address of the brewer. The containers or bottles shall be identified as malt liquor, contain the name of the malt liquor, bear the name and address of the brewer selling the malt liquor, and shall be considered intoxicating liquor unless the alcoholic content is labeled as otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Rules, part 7515.1100. A brewer's total retail sales at on- or off-sale under this paragraph may not exceed 3,500 barrels per year, provided that off-sales may not total more than 500 barrels. A brewer licensed under subdivision 6, clause (d), may hold or have an interest in other retail on-sale licenses, but may not have an ownership interest in whole or in part, or be an officer, director, agent, or employee of, any other manufacturer, brewer, importer, or wholesaler, or be an affiliate thereof whether the affiliation is corporate or by management, direction, or control. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a brewer licensed under subdivision 6, clause (d), may be an affiliate or subsidiary company of a brewer licensed in Minnesota or elsewhere if that brewer's only manufacture of malt liquor is:

(i) manufacture licensed under subdivision 6, clause (d);

(ii) manufacture in another state for consumption exclusively in a restaurant located in the place of manufacture; or

(iii) manufacture in another state for consumption primarily in a restaurant located in or immediately adjacent to the place of manufacture if the brewer was licensed under subdivision 6, clause (d), on January 1, 1995.

(c) Except as provided in subdivision 7a, no brewer as defined in subdivision 7a or importer may have any interest, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, in the license, business, assets, or corporate stock of a licensed malt liquor wholesaler.

*[For text of subs 7a to 9, see M.S.2006]*

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 3

### 340A.315 FARM WINERY LICENSE.

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2006]*

Subd. 6. **On-sale licenses allowed.** Nothing in this section or in any other section of law prevents a farm winery from obtaining a separate on-sale license and operating a business establishment that utilizes that license in conjunction with and within the physical facilities of the winery and its buildings.

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 4

### 340A.404 INTOXICATING LIQUOR; ON-SALE LICENSES.

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2006]*

Subd. 4a. **State-owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** Notwithstanding any other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the commissioner may issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses:

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

(2) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the premises of any Ironworld Discovery Center building or facility owned by the state at Chisholm; and

(3) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for events at Northrop Auditorium, the intercollegiate football stadium, or at no more than seven other locations within the boundaries of the University of Minnesota, provided that the Board of Regents has approved an application for a license for the specified location.

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

*[For text of subs 5 to 13, see M.S.2006]*

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 5

### 340A.408 RETAIL LICENSE FEES.

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2006]*

Subd. 3. **Intoxicating liquor; off-sale.** (a) The annual license fee for an off-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by a city, when combined with any occupation tax imposed by the city, may not exceed the following limits:

(1) \$1,500 for cities of the first class;

(2) \$560 for cities over 10,000 population located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area other than cities of the first class;

(3) \$380 for cities over 10,000 population other than cities of the first class or cities described in clause (2);

(4) \$310 for cities of between 5,000 and 10,000 population; and

(5) \$240 for cities with less than 5,000 population.

(b) The annual license fee for an off-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by a county or town shall not exceed \$800.

(c) The fee set by the jurisdiction issuing the license shall be reduced by \$100 if the following conditions are met:

(1) the licensee agrees to have a private vendor train all employees within 60 days of hire and annually thereafter in laws pertaining to the sale of alcohol, the rules for identification checks, and the responsibilities of establishments serving intoxicating liquors;

(2) the licensee agrees to post a policy requiring identification checks for all persons appearing to be 30 years old or less; and

(3) a cash award and incentive program is established by the licensee, to award employees who catch underage drinkers, and a penalty program is established to punish employees in the event of a failed compliance check.

(d) Population for purposes of this subdivision shall be as determined by the state demographer.

*[For text of subds 3a to 5, see M.S.2006]*

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 6

### **340A.412 LICENSE RESTRICTIONS; INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES.**

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.2006]*

Subd. 4. **Licenses prohibited in certain areas.** (a) No license to sell intoxicating liquor may be issued within the following areas:

(1) where restricted against commercial use through zoning ordinances and other proceedings or legal processes regularly had for that purpose, except licenses may be issued to restaurants in areas which were restricted against commercial uses after the establishment of the restaurant;

(2) within the Capitol or on the Capitol grounds, except as provided under Laws 1983, chapter 259, section 9, or Laws 1999, chapter 202, section 13;

(3) on the State Fairgrounds;

(4) on the campus of the College of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota;

(5) within 1,000 feet of a state hospital, training school, reformatory, prison, or other institution under the supervision or control, in whole or in part, of the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of corrections;

(6) in a town or municipality in which a majority of votes at the last election at which the question of license was voted upon were not in favor of license under section 340A.416, or within one-half mile of any such town or municipality, except that intoxicating liquor manufactured within this radius may be sold to be consumed outside it;

(7) within 1,500 feet of a state university, except that:

(i) the minimum distance in the case of Winona and Southwest State University is 1,200 feet, measured by a direct line from the nearest corner of the administration building to the main entrance of the licensed establishment;

(ii) within 1,500 feet of St. Cloud State University one on-sale wine and two off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses may be issued, measured by a direct line from the nearest corner of the administration building to the main entrance of the licensed establishment;

(iii) at Mankato State University the distance is measured from the front door of the student union of the Highland campus;

(iv) a temporary license under section 340A.404, subdivision 10, may be issued to a location on the grounds of a state university for an event sponsored or approved by the state university; and

(v) this restriction does not apply to the area surrounding the premises of Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis; and

(8) within 1,500 feet of any public school that is not within a city.

(b) The restrictions of this subdivision do not apply to a manufacturer or wholesaler of intoxicating liquor or to a drugstore or to a person who had a license originally issued lawfully prior to July 1, 1967.

*[For text of subds 5 to 14, see M.S.2006]*

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 7

### **340A.414 CONSUMPTION AND DISPLAY PERMITS.**

*[For text of subds 1 and 1a, see M.S.2006]*

**Subd. 2. Eligibility for permit.** (a) The commissioner may issue a permit under this section only to:

(1) an applicant who has not, within five years prior to the application, been convicted of a felony or of violating any provision of this chapter or rule adopted under this chapter;

(2) a restaurant;

(3) a hotel;

(4) an establishment licensed for the sale of 3.2 percent malt liquor;

(5) a resort as defined in section 157.15;

(6) a club as defined in section 340A.101, subdivision 7, or an unincorporated club otherwise meeting that definition; and

(7) a bed and breakfast facility as defined in section 340A.4011, subdivision 1.

(b) The commissioner may not issue a permit to a club holding an on-sale intoxicating liquor license.

*[For text of subds 3 to 9, see M.S.2006]*

**History:** 2007 c 13 art 3 s 24

### **340A.707 AUCTION OR RAFFLE FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.**

Notwithstanding sections 340A.401, 340A.414, and 340A.505, a nonprofit organization conducting a silent auction, raffle, or other fund-raising event may conduct live, on premises auctions or raffles of wine, beer, or intoxicating liquors, provided that funds from the auction or raffle are dedicated to the charitable purposes of the nonprofit organization, such auctions or raffles are limited to not more than six occasions per year, and the alcohol may only be auctioned or raffled to persons who demonstrate that they are 21 years of age or older and do not show signs of obvious intoxication. Nothing in this section authorizes on-premises consumption of alcohol.

**History:** 2007 c 89 s 8