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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2926

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to alcohol; requiring full service to all University of Minnesota sports  
1.3 attendees; establishing scholarships; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section  
1.4 340A.404, subdivision 4a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a, is amended to  
1.7 read:

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

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

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

1.19 (3) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for events at Northrop  
1.20 Auditorium, the intercollegiate football stadium, or at no more than seven other locations  
1.21 within the boundaries of the University of Minnesota, provided that the Board of Regents  
1.22 has approved an application for a license for the specified location and provided that a  
1.23 license for an arena or stadium location is void unless it requires the sale or service of  
1.24 intoxicating liquor in a public portion consisting of at least one-third all public portions of

2.1 the general seating of a stadium or arena. ~~It is solely within the discretion of the Board of~~  
2.2 ~~Regents to choose the manner in which to carry out this condition;~~ and

2.3 (4) to the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Authority for beverage  
2.4 sales on the premises of the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center Arena during  
2.5 intercollegiate hockey games.

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

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

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

2.12 Sec. 2. **STADIUM SCHOLARSHIPS.**

2.13 As a condition of allowance of stadium and arena liquor licenses under Minnesota  
2.14 Statutes, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a, the University of Minnesota shall annually  
2.15 estimate revenues and profits from sales of alcohol from all licenses allowed on any  
2.16 grounds or facility of the University of Minnesota under any allowed liquor license, and  
2.17 shall create a scholarship program for students in need to be funded out of those profits  
2.18 attributable to alcohol sales.

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