

A bill for an act
relating to alcohol; allowing malt liquor or spirits tastings; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2008, section 340A.419, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.419, as amended by Laws 2009,
chapter 120, section 12, is amended to read:

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

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

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

(b) No wine ~~at a wine tasting~~, malt liquor, or spirits authorized for use under this
section may be sold for off-premises consumption. A participant in the tasting may fill out
a form indicating preferences for wine, malt liquor, or spirits. The form may be held on
the premises of the exclusive liquor store to assist the participant in making an off-sale
purchase at a later date.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, an exclusive liquor store may purchase or
otherwise obtain wine or spirits for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section from

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2.1 a wholesaler licensed to sell wine or spirits. The wholesaler may sell or give wine or
2.2 spirits to an exclusive liquor store for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section and may
2.3 provide personnel to assist in the ~~wine~~ tasting.

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

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

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