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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to liquor; allowing a farm winery to establish branch offices; allowing a
 1.3 farm winery to obtain farmers' market licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes
 1.4 2014, section 340A.315, by adding subdivisions.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.315, is amended by adding a
 1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. **Branch offices.** Notwithstanding subdivision 9, the holder of a farm
 1.9 winery license may operate up to three branch offices located away from the licensed farm
 1.10 winery. The locations, although not required to be on agricultural land, shall be considered
 1.11 part of the licensed premises and all activities allowed at and limited to the farm winery
 1.12 may be conducted at the branch offices with the exception of wine production, wine
 1.13 aging, and bottling and packaging of wine. The branch offices shall not be located within,
 1.14 share a common entrance or exit with, or have any interior access to any other business,
 1.15 including premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail. Prior to commencing
 1.16 operation of a branch office, the licensee shall notify the local liquor licensing authority of
 1.17 the location of the branch office. The liquor licensing authority may require a permit for
 1.18 the operation of the branch office.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.315, is amended by adding a
 1.20 subdivision to read:

1.21 Subd. 13. **Farmers' market license.** The commissioner may issue a farmers'
 1.22 market license to a farm winery. The license shall permit a farm winery to sell by the
 1.23 unopened container and distribute, by the glass for samples with or without charge,

2.1 alcoholic beverages manufactured by the farm winery. No more than a total of ten farmers'
2.2 market licenses may be granted to a licensed farm winery in any calendar year. A farmers'
2.3 market license must be approved by the local liquor licensing authority of the location
2.4 of the farmers' market. A farmers' market licensee may distribute by the glass no more
2.5 than two ounces of wine samples with a total of eight ounces to each retail customer at a
2.6 farmers' market. A farmers' market license is valid for all dates of operation for a specific
2.7 farmers' market location.