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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1410

02/08/2023 Authored by Brand and Lislegard The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; sales and use; expanding the exemption for certain sales made
1.3 by a county agricultural society to include sales made prior to a county fair;
1.4 removing the requirement that a county agricultural society transfer tax savings
1.5 to the owner of the fairgrounds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 38.27,
1.6 subdivision 4; 297A.70, subdivision 21.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 38.27, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. Use of a portion of county fair revenues. A county agricultural society must
1.10 annually determine the amount of sales tax savings attributable to section 297A.70,
1.11 subdivision 21. ~~If the county agricultural society owns its own fairgrounds, it, and~~ must use
1.12 the amount equal to the sales tax savings to maintain, improve, or expand society-owned
1.13 buildings and facilities on the fairgrounds; ~~otherwise it must transfer this amount to the~~
1.14 ~~owner of the fairgrounds. An owner that receives a transfer of money under this subdivision~~
1.15 ~~must use the transferred amount to maintain, improve, and expand entity owned buildings~~
1.16 ~~and facilities on the county fairgrounds.~~

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

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297A.70, subdivision 21, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 21. County agricultural society sales at county fairs. (a) The following sales
1.20 by a county agricultural society during a regularly scheduled county fair are exempt. For
1.21 purposes of this subdivision, sales include are exempt:

1.22 (1) admissions to and parking at the county fairgrounds;

2.1 (2) admissions to separately ticketed events run by the county agricultural society; and

2.2 (3) concessions and other sales made by employees or volunteers of the county
2.3 agricultural society on the county fairgrounds.

2.4 ~~This~~ (b) The exemption under paragraph (a) does not apply to sales ~~or~~ for events ~~by a~~
2.5 ~~county agricultural society~~ held at a time other than at the time of the regularly scheduled
2.6 county fair, or events not held on the county fairgrounds.

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