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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 159

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to liquor; prohibiting the commissioner of public safety from suspending
1.3 or revoking certain licenses due to COVID-related executive order violations;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

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

1.6 Section 1. [340A.4155] NO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION FOR VIOLATION
1.7 OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

1.8 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the commissioner or local licensing
1.9 authority must not suspend or revoke the following licenses, permits, or cards issued to a
1.10 restaurant if the suspension or revocation is due solely to a violation of Executive Order
1.11 20-99, paragraph 7.c.iii, or any subsequent order closing places of public accommodation
1.12 to ingress, egress, use, and occupancy by members of the public during the peacetime
1.13 emergency declared under chapter 12 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1.14 (1) an on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued under section 340A.404, subdivision 1,
1.15 paragraph (a), clause (2), or subdivision 6, paragraph (a); and

1.16 (2) a permit or card issued under section 340A.301, subdivision 7.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively for violations occurring
1.18 after November 18, 2020.