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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3994

02/19/2024 Authored by Koegel 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; permitting certain temporary licenses for the on-sale of
1.3 intoxicating liquor to be valid without approval by the commissioner of public
1.4 safety; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 340A.404, subdivision 10.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 340A.404, subdivision 10, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 10. Temporary on-sale licenses. (a) The governing body of a municipality may
1.9 issue to (1) a club or charitable, religious, or other nonprofit organization in existence for
1.10 at least three years, (2) a political committee registered under section 10A.14, or (3) a state
1.11 university, a temporary license for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor in connection with a
1.12 social event within the municipality sponsored by the licensee. The license may authorize
1.13 the on-sale of intoxicating liquor for not more than four consecutive days, except as provided
1.14 for county fairs in section 340A.410, subdivision 10, and may authorize on-sales on premises
1.15 other than premises the licensee owns or permanently occupies. The license may provide
1.16 that the licensee may contract for intoxicating liquor catering services with the holder of a
1.17 full-year on-sale intoxicating liquor license issued by any municipality. The licenses are
1.18 subject to the terms, including a license fee, imposed by the issuing municipality. Licenses
1.19 issued under this subdivision are subject to all laws and ordinances governing the sale of
1.20 intoxicating liquor except sections 340A.409 and 340A.504, subdivision 3, paragraph (d),
1.21 and those laws and ordinances which by their nature are not applicable. Licenses under this
1.22 subdivision are not valid unless first approved by the commissioner of public safety.

2.1 (b) A county under this section may issue a temporary license only to a premises located  
2.2 in the unincorporated or unorganized territory of the county.

2.3 (c) The governing body of a municipality may issue to a brewer who manufactures fewer  
2.4 than 3,500 barrels of malt liquor in a year or a microdistillery a temporary license for the  
2.5 on-sale of intoxicating liquor in connection with a social event within the municipality  
2.6 sponsored by the brewer or microdistillery. The terms and conditions specified for temporary  
2.7 licenses under paragraph (a) shall apply to a license issued under this paragraph, except that  
2.8 the requirements of section 340A.409, subdivisions 1 to 3a, shall apply to the license.