

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 220

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02/04/2013	138	Introduction and first reading Referred to Commerce See SF541, Sec. 7

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to alcohol; amending wine tasting statute to permit the consumption of
 1.3 beer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.418.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 340A.418, is amended to read:

1.6 **340A.418 ~~WINE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS.~~**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, a an "wine alcoholic
 1.8 beverage tasting" is or "tasting" means an event at which persons pay a fee or donation to
 1.9 participate, and are allowed to consume wine, beer, or both, by the glass without paying
 1.10 a separate charge for each glass.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Tastings authorized.** (a) A charitable, religious, or other nonprofit
 1.12 organization may conduct a ~~wine~~ tasting of not more than four hours duration on premises
 1.13 the organization owns or leases or has use donated to it, or on the licensed premises of a
 1.14 holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license that is not a temporary license, if the
 1.15 organization holds a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license under section 340A.404,
 1.16 subdivision 10, and complies with this section. An organization holding a temporary
 1.17 license may be assisted in conducting the ~~wine~~ tasting by another nonprofit organization.

1.18 (b) An organization that conducts a ~~wine~~ tasting under this section may use the net
 1.19 proceeds from the ~~wine~~ tasting only for:

1.20 (1) the organization's primary nonprofit purpose; or

1.21 (2) donation to another nonprofit organization assisting in the ~~wine~~ tasting, if the
 1.22 other nonprofit organization uses the donation only for that organization's primary
 1.23 nonprofit purpose.

2.1 (c) No wine or beer at a ~~wine~~ tasting under this section may be sold, or orders
2.2 taken, for off-premises consumption.

2.3 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, an organization may purchase or otherwise
2.4 obtain wine or beer for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section from a wholesaler
2.5 licensed to sell wine or beer, and the wholesaler may sell or give wine or beer to an
2.6 organization for a ~~wine~~ tasting conducted under this section and may provide personnel to
2.7 assist in the ~~wine~~ tasting. A wholesaler who sells or gives wine or beer to an organization
2.8 for a ~~wine~~ tasting under this section must deliver the wine or beer directly to the location
2.9 where the ~~wine~~ tasting is conducted.

2.10 (e) This section does not prohibit or restrict a ~~wine~~ tasting that is:

2.11 (1) located on on-sale premises where no charitable organization is participating; or

2.12 (2) located on on-sale premises where the proceeds are for a designated charity but
2.13 where the tasting is primarily for educational purposes.

2.14 (f) The four-hour limitation specified in paragraph (a) shall not apply to a ~~wine~~
2.15 tasting at a convention of fine wine, beer, and gourmet food exhibitors, provided the
2.16 convention has at least 100 exhibitors and takes place over not more than three days.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective on July 1, 2013.