

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE** **S.F. No. 2337**

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		Referred to Commerce and Consumer Protection
03/19/2012		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

A bill for an act

relating to liquor; creating licensure for wine educators; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

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

**Section 1. [340A.4042] WINE EDUCATOR; ON-SALE LICENSE.**

The commissioner may issue an on-sale license to a person meeting the requirements specified in sections 340A.402 and 340A.409, at an annual cost of \$250 per license to a wine educator and \$50 per permit for each employee of the wine educator that will be pouring wine, under the following conditions:

(1) the license may be used to purchase wine at retail and serve wine for educational purposes in any part of the state, unless a political subdivision adopts an ordinance prohibiting wine education;

(2) wine educators may conduct classes and dispense wine for tasting purposes, in an amount not to exceed five ounces per hour per person, for a maximum of three hours to any one class in one day;

(3) all events conducted pursuant to this license must be conducted through advance registration, and no walk-in access to the general public is permitted; and

(4) licensees must possess certification that is satisfactory to the commissioner, including, but not limited to, a certified specialist of wine or certified wine educator status as conferred by the Society of Wine Educators, a Wine and Spirits Education Trust Diploma, status as a certified sommelier, or the completion of a wine industry program at a technical college or culinary school. A wine educator must also complete Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) and have a valid certificate on file with the commissioner.