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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Omnibus Liquor Bill for 2007.

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- 1**      **Liquor prohibited.** Removes a provision that prohibits liquor sales within one-half mile of the State Fairgrounds.
- 2**      **Exceptions.** Allows strong beer to be sold on State Fairgrounds, provided that a Minnesota brewed beer is made available for sale at each location.
- 3**      **Interest in other business.** Allows sales of beer at microbreweries in 750 milliliter bottles (currently only growlers may be sold).
- 4**      **On-sale licenses allowed.** Allows farm wineries to obtain separate on-sale liquor licenses, and if they comply with those licensing provisions, to operate business establishments in conjunction with and within their farm winery facilities.
- 5**      **Intoxicating liquor; off-sale.** Increases license fees for local licenses.
- 6**      **Licenses prohibited in certain areas.** Removes prohibitions on selling liquor near the state fairgrounds and also near the Saint Paul campus.
- 7**      **Resale for charitable purposes.** Allows liquor to be re-sold at silent auctions or fund-raising events, by a nonprofit organization. Allows up to one liter of intoxicating liquors, one case of beer, or 5 bottles of wine to be resold at these events. Places conditions on such sales, including ensuring that buyers are 21, and not intoxicated. Allows local governments to set a fee for a temporary license for this type of event, and exempts retail donators from product sales taxes.
- 8**      **St. Paul; liquor license.** Allows a liquor license for a restaurant in Saint Paul,

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notwithstanding provisions in state law that prohibit a liquor license near a higher education institution.