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# **Overview**

In 2023, Governor Walz recommended and the legislature approved the creation of dedicated Agricultural Fund accounts for food handler license fee and vending machine inspection fee revenues (Laws 2023, chapter 43). Previously, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture deposited this money in the state's general fund.

This bill would make conforming changes in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 28A (Licensing Food Handlers) and 34 (Nonalcoholic Beverages).

# Summary

#### Section Description

## 1 **Posting of licenses; rules.**

Eliminates language requiring MDA to deposit food handler license fee and penalty revenue in the general fund.

## 2 Repealer.

Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 34.07 – Under current law, this section creates a dedicated beverage inspection account in the Agricultural Fund, requires MDA to deposit into this account all fees and penalties collected from those who manufacture, mix, or compound soft drinks or other nonalcoholic beverages for sale, and appropriates this revenue to MDA for inspection and supervision of these same entities.

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