HF 3283 (Davnie)

City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board authority to permit alcohol in certain parks.

HF 3283 would facilitate the sale of alcohol in designated parks on a limited basis in Minneapolis Parks by allowing the city of Minneapolis to issue an on-sale liquor licenses at certain times for three specified parks.

Currently, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board limits the sale and consumption of liquor in its parks to specified locations in building and grounds where the operator has obtained a liquor license under general state law. There are five such locations. These locations are at fixed locations: Sea Salt, Bread & Pickle, Lola’s, Sandcastle and Nicollet Island Pavilion.

The Park Board has seen some interest to allow daily sales of alcohol at the Downtown Commons, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Boom Island. HF 3283 would allow a Park Board approved concessionaire or caterer to apply for a liquor license from the city of Minneapolis. The Park Board believes that these types of licenses would be of limited duration and for event specific occasions at these parks.