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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to taxation; establishing alcohol health impact fund; imposing alcohol
1.3 health impact fee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 295.75,
1.4 subdivisions 2, 11; 297G.04, subdivision 2; 297G.10; proposing coding for new
1.5 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16A; 297G.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[16A.726] ALCOHOL HEALTH IMPACT FUND AND FUND**
1.8 **REIMBURSEMENTS.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. Alcohol health impact fund. There is created in the state treasury
1.10 an alcohol health impact fund to which all revenue from the alcohol health impact fee
1.11 under section 297G.23 is credited.

1.12 Subd. 2. Certified alcohol expenditures. By April 30 of each fiscal year, the
1.13 commissioners of public safety, corrections, and human services shall certify to the
1.14 commissioner of finance the state budget costs attributable to alcohol and controlled
1.15 substance use, and the net of the collections of the taxes imposed under sections 295.75,
1.16 297G.03, and 297G.04, for the previous fiscal year. These costs include, but are not
1.17 limited to, costs to:

1.18 (1) enforce laws for driving while impaired;

1.19 (2) employ law enforcement officers to increase efforts for targeting crime for
1.20 driving while impaired;

1.21 (3) fund grants to local units of government to conduct compliance checks for
1.22 on-sale and off-sale intoxicating liquor holders;

1.23 (4) fund community policing grants;

1.24 (5) fund grants to prevent domestic violence and to provide services to victims of
1.25 domestic violence;

2.1 (6) incarcerate offenders of driving while impaired laws and provide programs
 2.2 for these offenders;

2.3 (7) pay costs associated with incarcerating offenders and provide programs for
 2.4 these offenders;

2.5 (8) fund grants to counties to establish and operate intensive probation programs for
 2.6 repeat impaired driving offenders;

2.7 (9) increase chemical dependency treatment programs at state prisons;

2.8 (10) provide chemical dependency treatment;

2.9 (11) fund health and human services program costs;

2.10 (12) fund increased judicial training relating to a judge's powers and duties regarding
 2.11 chemical use assessments;

2.12 (13) fund grants to counties for court services and correctional costs related to
 2.13 conducting chemical use assessments; and

2.14 (14) fund education and crime prevention initiatives.

2.15 Subd. 3. **Fund reimbursements.** In each fiscal year, the commissioner of finance
 2.16 shall transfer from the alcohol health impact fund to the general fund an amount sufficient
 2.17 to offset the general fund cost of the certified expenditures under subdivision 2.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

2.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 295.75, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.20 Subd. 2. **Gross receipts tax imposed.** A tax is imposed on each liquor retailer equal
 2.21 to ~~2.5~~ five percent of gross receipts from retail sales in Minnesota of liquor.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for sales made after June 30, 2007.

2.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 295.75, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 11. **Deposit of revenues.** The commissioner shall deposit ~~at~~ one-half of the
 2.25 revenues, including penalties and interest, derived from the tax imposed by this section in
 2.26 the general fund and one-half in the health impact fund under section 16A.726.

2.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for revenues received after July
 2.28 31, 2007.

2.29 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297G.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.30 Subd. 2. **Tax credit.** A qualified brewer producing fermented malt beverages is
 2.31 entitled to a ~~tax~~ credit of ~~\$4.60~~ \$11.21 per barrel on 25,000 barrels sold in any fiscal year
 2.32 beginning July 1, regardless of the alcohol content of the product. This credit applies to

3.1 the tax imposed under section 297G.04 and the fee under section 297G.23. Qualified
 3.2 brewers may take the credit on the 18th day of each month, but the total credit allowed
 3.3 may not exceed in any fiscal year the lesser of:

- 3.4 (1) the liability for tax; or
 3.5 (2) \$115,000.

3.6 For purposes of this subdivision, a "qualified brewer" means a brewer, whether
 3.7 or not located in this state, manufacturing less than 100,000 barrels of fermented malt
 3.8 beverages in the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the
 3.9 credit under this subdivision is claimed. In determining the number of barrels, all brands
 3.10 or labels of a brewer must be combined. All facilities for the manufacture of fermented
 3.11 malt beverages owned or controlled by the same person, corporation, or other entity
 3.12 must be treated as a single brewer.

3.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for taxes and fees imposed after
 3.14 June 30, 2007.

3.15 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297G.10, is amended to read:

3.16 **297G.10 DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.**

3.17 Except as provided in section 297G.23, subdivision 4, all tax revenues and other
 3.18 receipts payable to the state under this chapter must be paid into the state treasury and
 3.19 credited to the general fund.

3.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.

3.21 Sec. 6. **[297G.23] ALCOHOL HEALTH IMPACT FEE.**

3.22 Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** An alcohol use health impact fee is imposed on and
 3.23 collected from any person subject to tax under this chapter to recover for the state, public
 3.24 safety, corrections, court, health, and human services costs related to or caused by alcohol
 3.25 use and to reduce alcohol use.

3.26 Subd. 2. **Fee imposed.** In addition to tax imposed under section 297G.03,
 3.27 subdivisions 1 and 2, and section 297G.04, subdivision 1, an alcohol health impact fee is
 3.28 imposed upon all distilled spirits, beer, wine, and cider in this state at the following rates:

3.29 (1) on distilled spirits, liqueurs, cordials, and specialties regardless of alcohol
 3.30 content (excluding ethyl alcohol), \$12.86 per gallon and \$3.40 per liter;

3.31 (2) on wine containing 14 percent or less alcohol by volume (except cider as defined
 3.32 in section 297G.01, subdivision 3a), \$.53 per gallon and \$.14 per liter;

4.1 (3) on wine containing more than 14 percent but not more than 21 percent alcohol by
4.2 volume, \$.53 per gallon and \$.14 per liter;

4.3 (4) on wine containing more than 21 percent but not more than 24 percent alcohol by
4.4 volume, \$.53 per gallon and \$.14 per liter;

4.5 (5) on wine containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume, \$.53 per gallon
4.6 and \$.14 per liter;

4.7 (6) on natural and artificial sparkling wines containing alcohol, \$.53 per gallon
4.8 and \$.14 per liter;

4.9 (7) on cider as defined in section 297G.01, subdivision 3a, \$.53 per gallon and
4.10 \$.14 per liter;

4.11 (8) on miniatures, \$.10 per bottle;

4.12 (9) on fermented malt beverages containing not more than 3.2 percent alcohol by
4.13 weight, \$6.61 per 31-gallon barrel; and

4.14 (10) on fermented malt beverages containing more than 3.2 percent alcohol by
4.15 weight, \$6.61 per 31-gallon barrel.

4.16 Subd. 3. **Administrative and other provisions of this chapter.** The fee under this
4.17 section must be treated as if it is a tax for purposes of all of the provisions of this chapter.

4.18 Subd. 4. **Deposit of revenues.** The commissioner of revenue shall deposit the
4.19 revenues from the fee under this section in the state treasury and credit them to the alcohol
4.20 health impact fund under section 16A.726.

4.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.