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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to higher education; modifying the requirements for certain on-sale  
1.3 liquor sales at the University of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,  
1.4 section 340A.404, subdivision 4a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.404, subdivision 4a, is amended to  
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 4a. **State-owned recreation; entertainment facilities.** Notwithstanding any  
1.9 other law, local ordinance, or charter provision, the commissioner may issue on-sale  
1.10 intoxicating liquor licenses:

1.11 (1) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a  
1.12 concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the  
1.13 premises of any Giants Ridge Recreation Area building or recreational improvement area  
1.14 owned by the state in the town of White, St. Louis County;

1.15 (2) to the state agency administratively responsible for, or to an entity holding a  
1.16 concession or facility management contract with such agency for beverage sales at, the  
1.17 premises of any Ironworld Discovery Center building or facility owned by the state at  
1.18 Chisholm; and

1.19 (3) to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for events at Northrop  
1.20 Auditorium, the intercollegiate football stadium, or at no more than seven other locations  
1.21 within the boundaries of the University of Minnesota, provided that the Board of Regents  
1.22 has approved an application for a license for the specified location and provided that  
1.23 the application for a stadium or arena location allows for the legal sale of intoxicating

2.1 liquor throughout the stadium or arena and does not limit the sale of intoxicating liquor to  
2.2 premium seating areas or suites.

2.3 The commissioner shall charge a fee for licenses issued under this subdivision in an  
2.4 amount comparable to the fee for comparable licenses issued in surrounding cities.

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment  
2.6 and applies to applications for an on-sale liquor license made after December 1, 2008.