

A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; exempting certain farm wineries from food handler licensing requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 28A.15, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 28A.15, as amended by Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 2, section 87, is amended to read:

28A.15 EXCLUSIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Licensing provisions applicability.** The licensing provisions of sections 28A.01 to 28A.16 shall not apply to the following:

Subd. 2. **Sales by farmers; others not in food business.** Persons selling the products of the farm or garden occupied and cultivated by them, or to persons not regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling food and who prepare food only on order of and for sale directly to the ultimate consumer, or to educational, charitable or religious organizations not regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, processing, or selling food at their established educational, charitable or religious institutions.

Subd. 3. **Farmer slaughtering personal animals.** A farmer slaughtering personal animals, rabbits or poultry, on the farmer's own farm for: (a) personal use; or (b) the use of the farmer's immediate family.

Subd. 4. **Chapter 221 permittees; warehouse operators.** Trucks operating under a certificate or permit issued pursuant to chapter 221 or warehouse operators, other than cold storage warehouse operators, offering storage or warehouse facilities for compensation.

Subd. 5. **Section 157.16 or 327.15 licensees.** Persons whose principal mode of business is licensed under section 157.16 or 327.15; provided that the holding of

2.1 any license pursuant to section 157.16 or 327.15 shall not exempt any person from the
2.2 applicable requirements of the laws and rules administered by the commissioner, as they
2.3 relate to composition, standards of identity, adulteration, labeling or misbranding of food.

2.4 Subd. 7. **Ice; soft drinks; snacks.** Persons whose principal business is not food
2.5 handling but who sell only ice manufactured and prepackaged by another, bottled or
2.6 canned soft drinks, prepackaged candy or nuts at retail, or persons who for their own
2.7 convenience or the convenience of their employees have available for rehydration and
2.8 consumption on the premises such nonperishable items as dehydrated coffee, soup, hot
2.9 chocolate or other dehydrated food or beverage.

2.10 Subd. 8. **Licensed pharmacy.** A licensed pharmacy selling only food additives,
2.11 food supplements, canned or prepackaged infant formulae, ice manufactured and packaged
2.12 by another, or bottled or canned soft drinks and prepackaged candy or nuts at retail.

2.13 Subd. 11. **Certain farm wineries.** A licensed farm winery that sells no more
2.14 than 7,500 gallons of wine per calendar year. A farm winery is not exempt under this
2.15 subdivision if the farm winery sells food other than prepackaged cheese, prepackaged
2.16 cheese spreads, and other prepackaged wine-related food items authorized under section
2.17 340A.315, subdivision 2.