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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 alcohol; allowing certain persons under the age of 21 to drink alcohol  
1.3 under certain conditions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.4 chapter 340A.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[340A.5035] PERSONS AGES 18 TO 20; SPECIAL EXEMPTION.**

1.7 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 340A.503, 340A.701, and 340A.702, or  
1.8 any other provision of law, persons at least 18 years of age and less than 21 years of age  
1.9 may consume alcohol within the premises of the holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor  
1.10 license or a holder of an on-sale 3.2 malt liquor license. No penalties shall be applied to  
1.11 consumption of alcohol allowed in this section. All other provisions of this chapter and all  
1.12 penalties for other illegal behaviors noted within this chapter apply to behavior allowed  
1.13 under this section.

1.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective at 8:00 a.m. on August 1, 2009, and  
1.15 applies to all persons who are age 18 or older on or after that date.

1.16 Sec. 2. **[340A.5036] PERSONS AGES 16 TO 18; SPECIAL EXEMPTION.**

1.17 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 340A.503, 340A.701, and 340A.702,  
1.18 or any other provision of law, persons at least 16 years of age and less than 18 years of  
1.19 age who are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian may consume alcohol within the  
1.20 premises of the holder of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license or a holder of an on-sale  
1.21 3.2 malt liquor license. No penalties shall be applied to consumption of alcohol allowed in  
1.22 this section. All other provisions of this chapter and all penalties for other illegal behaviors  
1.23 noted within this chapter apply to behavior allowed under this section.

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective at 8:00 a.m. on August 1, 2009, and
- 2.2 applies to all persons who are age 16 or older on or after that date.