



Department of Safety and Inspections Rental Hall Liquor Service Proposal

Topic:

Address current situation where Rental Halls are no longer permitted to allow hosts of private events to provide complimentary alcohol to their guests.

Background:

- Saint Paul and Minneapolis have long permitted Rental Halls to allow hosts of private events to provide complimentary alcohol to their guests.
- Recently, Minnesota AGED has notified DSI that Minnesota Statute does not permit such a practice.
- The only current Minnesota Statute option available for Rental Halls to continue alcohol service and consumption at private events is through the hiring of a Liquor Caterer.
- Saint Paul City Ordinance 409 limits the use of a Liquor Caterer to twelve (12) calendar days at one location within a year.

Recommendation:

DSI recommends amending Saint Paul City Ordinance 409 to exempt Rental Halls from the limitation on the number of days they can hire a liquor caterer for private events.