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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 a later closing time for on-sale establishments  
1.3 during the 2008 Republican National Convention.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TEMPORARY LATER CLOSING TIME.**

1.6 During the 2008 Republican National Convention, holders of an on-sale liquor  
1.7 license may remain open and may serve alcohol until 4:00 a.m. each day. This provision:

1.8 (1) applies to all holders of an on-sale intoxicating liquor license or 3.2 malt liquor  
1.9 license located within a city or township within the seven-county metropolitan area;

1.10 (2) applies during the period from 12:00 p.m. on August 29, 2008, through 4:00  
1.11 a.m. on September 8, 2008;

1.12 (3) is subject to local approval by each licensing jurisdiction in the seven-county  
1.13 metropolitan area. Approval under this section must be on a citywide or townshipwide  
1.14 basis and may not be granted exclusively to individual license holders within the licensing  
1.15 jurisdiction. A city or township may not charge an additional fee to license holders for  
1.16 approving the later closing time; and

1.17 (4) is repealed as of 4:01 a.m. on September 8, 2008.