

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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March 22, 1982

The Honorable Jack Davies President Minnesota Senate

Dear Mr. President:

By not signing and not filing with the Secretary of State, I am vetoing Senate File 1207, a bill that relates to liquor store licensing.

S. F. 1207 purports to exempt certain off-sale liquor licensees and others having an interest in those licenses from the single license limitation of Minnesota Statute §340.13, subdivision 3 (1980). The exception created by S. F. 1207 appears to violate Article XII, Section 1, Minnesota Constitution and Amendment XIV, United States Constitution, to the extent that it amounts to special legislation in denial of equal protection of the law to all persons similarly situated.

Although this legislation might very well resolve one pending lawsuit against the State of Minnesota, further litigation may be invited were it to become law.

Sincerely,

ALBERT H. QUIE

GOVERNOR