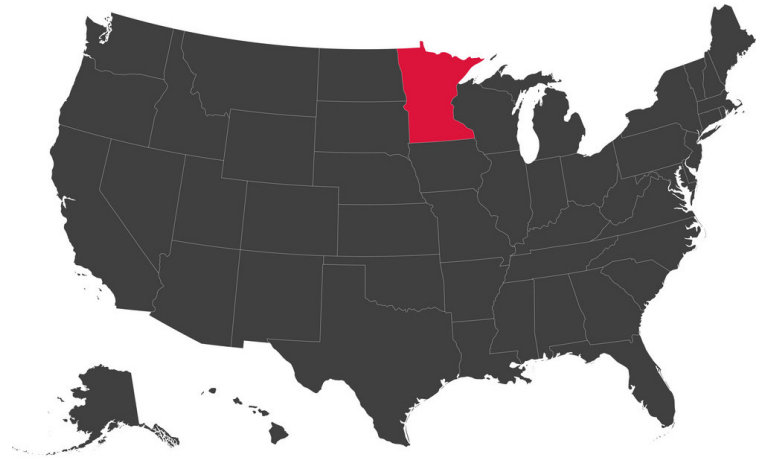


# What is the Coleman Act?

- Spirits produced **out-of-state** are required to be sold to **all** wholesalers in Minnesota.
- Spirits produced **in Minnesota** are allowed to be sold to **only one** wholesaler.
- Outside of Minnesota, **no other state** has adopted or even tried to enact a similar law.
- In its nearly 50-year history, there has **never been a good public policy reason** for it.
- It is discriminatory and therefore **unconstitutional**.



## The Coleman Act makes no good policy sense.



it applies to spirits



but doesn't apply to wine and beer

## Only full repeal – not a legislative “fix” – is the correct solution.

- A lawsuit against the Coleman Act is **currently pending** in federal court to determine the law's constitutionality. The Legislature **should not get involved** while it proceeds.
- The Minnesota Department of Public Safety **agrees** that the Coleman Act is unconstitutional.

## Without the Coleman Act, the Minnesota spirits market will:



Remain healthy, with plenty of brand vs. brand competition.



Be open and fair for all wholesalers, benefiting retailers and consumers in the process.



Successfully function like the markets for all other everyday consumer goods – from wine and beer to appliances, apparel, food and automobiles.

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