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but they did manage to pass a budget bill, including a rights on transportation funding package, and a few other bills in the final hours and minutes before the session ended. As directed by the Minnesota Constitution, the session had to end by 11:59 p.m. on May 18. Gov. Dayton may call a special session to take care of some unfinished business.

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New Liquor Laws to Note

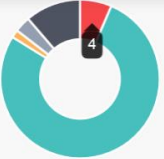
The 2015 omnibus liquor bill was signed into law on May 1. The law includes Sunday growler sales, microdistillery off-sale licensing, and an earlier start time for serving alcohol on Sundays. It also calls for a study of powdered alcohol and allows instructional driving permits to be used as proof of age for purchasing alcohol. Some provisions took effect the day after Gov. Dayton signed the bill into law.

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The Benefits of Hiring Veterans

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