

# 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## MINNESOTA MAINTSTAYS PACKAGE:

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO STATEWIDE CORNERSTONES THAT ARE ON THE BRINK:

- **Enact a Sales Tax Holiday on Food & Beverage.**
  - Reignite demand and drive customer traffic by allowing consumers to patronize establishments without paying sales tax.
- **Remove Barriers to Sales Tax abatement/payment deferral.**
  - Businesses would still owe but can pay later without fees or interest, legislative action is needed to align with liquor posting.
- **Create a Price Transparency/Surcharge Exemption.**
  - Permit restaurants to implement an upfront "Hospitality Surcharge" or "Employee Benefit Fee", so long as it is a reasonable percentage and is transparent to the consumer before they order any item.
- **Enact "Swipe Fee" reform.**
  - Prohibit credit card processors from charging fees on the tax and tip portions of the customer's bill.
- **Pass a "Liquor Bill"**

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## “HOSPITALITY RESILIENCY MEASURES”

STRUCTURAL POLICY REFORMS THAT WILL ALLOW MINNESOTA’S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY TO BE MORE FISCALLY HEALTHY AND RESILIENT AGAINST CRISIS:

- Create a “Guaranteed Minimum Wage” for tipped employees
- Allow “Tip Pooling”
  - Honor reciprocal relationship between front and back of house
- Align the definition of “Seasonal Employees” in Minnesota PMFL with Federal law (180 days).
- Create a Capital Equipment Tax Deduction/Credit
- Protect the proper use of the existing Lodging Tax
- “Vendor Collection Allowance”
- Grant all Minnesota municipalities the discretion to create “**Social Districts**”

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