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A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 503 (MCL 436.1503).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 503. (1) A-THE COMMISSION SHALL DENY A new application

for a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail —or a request to transfer location of an existing license — shall be denied—if the contemplated location is within 500 feet of a church or a school building. The distance between the church or school building and the contemplated location shall MUST be measured along the center line of the street or streets of address between 2 fixed points on the center line determined by projecting straight lines,

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at right angles to the center line, from the part of the church or

- 1 school building nearest to the contemplated location and from the
- 2 part of the contemplated location nearest to the church or school
- 3 building.
- 4 (2) This section does not apply to specially designated
- 5 merchants not in conjunction with on the premise PREMISES licenses.
- **6** (3) This section does not apply to an outstanding license
- 7 issued before March 1, 1949, 2017, for a location within the
- 8 aforesaid—distance **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)** or to the renewal or
- 9 transfer of the outstanding license at that THE location. , or to a
- 10 resort license in effect during the 1948-1949 licensing year, or to
- 11 the renewal or transfer of the resort at that location or to an
- 12 application for a license at that location which has been approved
- 13 by the commission before March 1, 1949, and licenses so A LICENSE
- 14 issued, renewed, OR transferred , or approved shall be AS DESCRIBED
- 15 IN THIS SUBSECTION IS conclusively presumed to be valid for
- 16 purposes of this section only.
- 17 (4) The commission may waive this section in the case of other
- 18 FOR ALL classes of licenses. If an objection is not filed by the
- 19 church or school, the commission may issue the license pursuant to
- 20 UNDER this act. If an objection is filed, the commission shall hold
- 21 a hearing pursuant to UNDER rules established by the commission
- 22 before making a decision on the issuance of ISSUING the license.
- 23 (5) This section shall not be construed to DOES NOT prevent
- 24 the transfer of a license to a location farther from a church or
- 25 school, if the license to be transferred is within the 500-foot
- 26 radius **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)**.