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SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 256

(As passed the Senate April 25, 2001)

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 1027 (MCL 436.2027).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1027. (1) Unless otherwise provided by rule of the
- 2 commission, a person shall not conduct samplings or tastings of
- 3 any alcoholic liquor for a commercial purpose except at premises
- 4 that are licensed by the commission for the sale and consumption
- 5 of alcoholic liquor on the premises.
- 6 (2) This section does not prevent a EITHER OF THE
- 7 FOLLOWING:
- 8 (A) A vendor of spirits, brewer, wine maker, mixed spirit
- 9 drink manufacturer, small wine maker, outstate seller of beer,
- 10 outstate seller of wine, or outstate seller of mixed spirit
- 11 drink, or a bona fide market research organization retained by 1

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- 1 of the persons named in this subsection, from conducting
- 2 samplings or tastings of an alcoholic liquor product before it is
- 3 approved for sale in this state if the sampling or tasting is
- 4 conducted pursuant to prior written approval of the commission.
- 5 (B) AN ON-PREMISES LICENSEE FROM GIVING A SAMPLING OR TAST-
- 6 ING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR TO AN EMPLOYEE OF THE LICENSEE DURING THE
- 7 LEGAL HOURS FOR CONSUMPTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING THE
- 8 EMPLOYEE REGARDING 1 OR MORE TYPES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SO LONG AS
- 9 THE EMPLOYEE IS AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE.
- (3) A sampling or tasting of any alcoholic liquor in a home 10
- 11 or domicile for other than a commercial purpose is not subject to
- 12 this section.
- (4) For purposes of this section, "commercial purpose" means 13
- 14 a purpose for which monetary gain or other remuneration could
- 15 reasonably be expected.