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HOUSE BILL No. 4122

January 31, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Basham, Schermesser and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

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A bill to amend 1895 PA 215, entitled
"The fourth class city act,"
by amending section 1 of chapter XI (MCL 91.1), as amended by
1994 PA 19.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER XI

- 2 Sec. 1. (1) A city incorporated under the provisions of
- 3 this act has, and the council may pass ordinances relating to,
- 4 the following general powers:
- 5 (a) To restrain and prevent vice and immorality, gambling,
- 6 noise and disturbance, and indecent or disorderly conduct or
- 7 assemblages; to prevent and quell riots; to preserve peace and
- 8 good order; and to protect the property of the city or of persons
- 9 in the city.

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- 1 (b) To prohibit vagrancy, truancy, begging, public
- 2 drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or prostitution.
- 3 (c) To prevent injury or annoyance from anything dangerous,
- 4 offensive, or unhealthy; to prohibit and remove anything tending
- 5 to cause or promote disease; and to prevent and abate nuisances.
- 6 (d) To prohibit and suppress places of disorderly conduct,
- 7 immorality, or vice.
- 8 (e) To regulate or license the use of places of
- 9 entertainment.
- 10 (f) To prohibit and suppress gambling and to authorize the
- 11 seizure and destruction of instruments and devices used for
- 12 gambling.
- 13 (g) To prohibit and prevent the selling or giving of alco-
- 14 holic liquor, as defined in section 2 of the Michigan liquor
- 15 control act, Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the Extra Session of
- 16 1933, being section 436.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws 105 OF
- 17 THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL CODE OF 1998, 1998 PA 58,
- **18** MCL 436.1105.
- 19 (h) To regulate, restrain, or prohibit sports, exhibitions,
- 20 caravans, and shows for which money or other reward is demanded
- 21 or received, except lectures on historic, literary, or scientific
- 22 subjects.
- 23 (i) To prevent the violation of the Sabbath day, or the dis-
- 24 turbance of a religious meeting, congregation, or society or
- 25 other public meeting assembled for a lawful purpose; and to
- 26 require businesses to be closed on the Sabbath day.

- 1 (j) To license, regulate , or prohibit auctioneers,
- 2 auctions, and sales by public bids or offers by buyers or sellers
- 3 in the manner of auctions; and to regulate the fees to be paid by
- 4 and to auctioneers. However, a license shall not be required in
- 5 case of sales required by law to be made at auction.
- **6** (k) To license, regulate, or prohibit hawking and peddling
- 7 and to license pawnbroking.
- **8** (1) To license and regulate wharf boats and to regulate the
- 9 use of boats in and about the harbor, if any, and within the
- 10 jurisdiction of the city.
- 11 (m) To establish, authorize, license, and regulate ferries
- 12 to and from the city or a place in the city; and to regulate and
- 13 prescribe the charges and prices for the transportation of per-
- 14 sons and property by ferry.
- 15 (n) To regulate and license taverns, houses of public enter-
- 16 tainment, saloons, restaurants, and eating houses; and to regu-
- 17 late and prescribe the location of saloons. This subdivision
- 18 does not authorize the licensing of the sale of alcoholic liquor,
- 19 as defined in section -2 of Act No. 8 of the Public Acts of the
- 20 Extra Session of 1933 105 OF THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL CODE OF
- 21 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1105.
- 22 (o) To license and regulate vehicles used for the transpor-
- 23 tation of persons or property for hire in the city; and to regu-
- 24 late or fix their stands on the streets and public places and at
- 25 wharves, boat landings, railroad station grounds, and other
- 26 places.

- 1 (p) To regulate and license toll bridges within the city and
- 2 to prescribe the rates and charges for passage over the bridges.
- 3 (q) To provide for and regulate the inspection of food.
- 4 (r) To regulate the inspection, weighing, and measuring of
- 5 brick, lumber, firewood, coal, hay, and any article of
- 6 merchandise.
- **7** (s) To provide for the inspection and sealing of weights and
- 8 measures and to enforce the keeping and use of proper weights and
- 9 measures by venders.
- 10 (t) To regulate the construction, repair, and use of vaults,
- 11 cisterns, areas, hydrants, pumps, sewers, and gutters.
- 12 (u) To prohibit and prevent indecent exposure of the person;
- 13 the show, sale, or exhibition for sale of indecent or obscene
- 14 pictures, drawings, engravings, paintings, books, or pamphlets;
- 15 and indecent or obscene exhibitions and shows.
- 16 (v) To regulate or prohibit bathing in the city's bodies of
- 17 water.
- 18 (w) To provide for the clearing of driftwood and noxious
- 19 matter from the city's bodies of water; and to prohibit and pre-
- 20 vent the depositing in the city's bodies of water of matter tend-
- 21 ing to render the water impure, unwholesome, or offensive.
- 22 (x) To compel the owner or occupant of any grocery, tallow
- 23 chandler shop, soap or candy factory, butcher shop or stall,
- 24 slaughter house, stable, barn, privy, sewer, or other offensive,
- 25 nauseous, or unwholesome place to cleanse, remove, or abate it
- 26 when the council considers it necessary for the health, comfort,
- 27 or convenience of the inhabitants of the city.

- 1 (y) To regulate the keeping, selling, and using of dynamite,
- 2 gunpowder, firecrackers and fireworks, and other explosive or
- 3 combustible materials; to regulate the exhibition of fireworks
- 4 and the discharge of firearms; and to restrain the making of
- 5 fires in the streets and other open spaces in the city.
- 6 (z) To direct and regulate the construction of cellars,
- 7 slips, barns, private drains, sinks, and privies.
- 8 (aa) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress mock auctions and
- 9 fraudulent games, devices, and practices. Persons managing,
- 10 using, or practicing; attempting to manage, use, or practice; or
- 11 aiding in the management or practice of a mock auction or fraudu-
- 12 lent game, device, or practice may be subject to the provisions
- 13 of an ordinance under this subdivision.
- 14 (bb) To prohibit, prevent, and suppress lotteries for the
- 15 drawing or disposing of money or other property. Persons main-
- 16 taining, directing, or managing such lotteries or aiding in the
- 17 maintenance, directing, or managing of such lotteries may be
- 18 subject to the provisions of an ordinance under this
- 19 subdivision.
- 20 (cc) To license and regulate solicitors for passengers or
- 21 for baggage to and from a hotel, tavern, public house, boat, or
- 22 railroad and to provide the places where they may be admitted to
- 23 solicit or receive patronage; and to license and regulate
- 24 porters, runners, and drivers of vehicles used and employed for
- 25 hire, to provide the places where they be admitted to solicit or
- 26 receive patronage, and to fix and regulate the amounts and rates
- 27 of their compensation.

- 1 (dd) To provide for the protection and care of paupers.
- 2 (ee) To provide for taking a census of the inhabitants of
- 3 the city, whenever the council sees fit, and to direct and regu-
- 4 late the census.
- 5 (ff) To provide for the issuing of licenses to the owners
- 6 and keepers of dogs and to require the owners and keepers of dogs
- 7 to pay for and obtain such licenses; and to regulate and prevent
- 8 the running at large of dogs, to require dogs to be muzzled, and
- 9 to authorize the killing of dogs running at large or not licensed
- 10 in violation of an ordinance of the city.
- 11 (gg) To prohibit the possession or use of toy pistols,
- 12 slingshots, and other dangerous toys or implements within the
- **13** city.
- 14 (hh) To require horses, mules, or other animals attached to
- 15 vehicles or standing in the streets, lanes, or alleys in the city
- 16 to be securely fastened, hitched, watched, or held and to regu-
- 17 late the placing and provide for the preservation of hitching
- 18 posts.
- 19 (ii) To provide for and regulate the numbering of buildings
- 20 upon the streets and alleys; to require the owners or occupants
- 21 of buildings to affix numbers on the buildings; and to designate
- 22 and change the names of public streets, alleys, and parks.
- 23 (jj) To provide for, establish, regulate, and preserve
- 24 public fountains and reservoirs within the city, and troughs and
- 25 basins for watering animals.
- 26 (kk) To prevent or provide for the construction and
- 27 operation of street railways, to regulate street railways, and to

- 1 determine and designate the route and grade of any street railway
- 2 to be laid or constructed in the city.
- 3 (11) To establish and maintain a public library, to provide
- 4 a suitable building for that public library, and to aid in main-
- 5 taining such other public libraries as may be established within
- 6 the city by private beneficence as the council considers to be
- 7 for the public good.
- 8 (mm) To license transient traders. In the case of transient
- 9 traders who engage in the business of selling goods or merchan-
- 10 dise after the commencement of the fiscal year, the license fee
- 11 may be apportioned with relation to the part of the fiscal year
- 12 that has expired. If such traders continue in the same business
- 13 after the commencement of the next fiscal year, and their goods
- 14 or merchandise are assessed for taxes for the next fiscal year,
- 15 the traders shall not be required to take out a second license
- 16 upon the commencement of the next fiscal year.
- 17 (2) The council may enact ordinances and make regulations,
- 18 consistent with the laws and constitution of the state as they
- 19 may consider necessary for the safety, order, and good government
- 20 of the city and the general welfare of the inhabitants of the
- 21 city, but exclusive rights, privileges, or permits shall not be
- 22 granted by the council.
- 23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
- 24 effect unless all of the following bills of the 91st Legislature
- 25 are enacted into law:
- 26 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 4119 (request
- **27** no. 00890'01).

- 1 (b) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4120 (request
- **2** no. 00890'01 a).
- 3 (c) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4121 (request
- 4 no. 00890'01 b).