

# Legislative Analysis

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### House Bill 6395

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Jones

Committee: Regulatory Reform

Complete to 11-13-06

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6395 AS INTRODUCED 9-5-06

Under the Michigan Liquor Control Code, an individual is guilty of a misdemeanor for knowingly selling or furnishing alcohol to a minor, or failing to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person is a minor. In addition, a liquor licensee or his or her agent, clerk, or employee may also be subject to administrative sanctions. "Diligent inquiry" is defined as a diligent good faith effort to determine the age of a person, which includes at least an examination of an official Michigan operator's or chauffeur's license, an official Michigan state ID card, or any other bona fide picture identification which establishes the identity and age of the person.

House Bill 6395 would add to the list of acceptable identification 1) **a registration certificate issued by the federal Selective Service** and 2) **a military identification card**.

The code also allows, as an affirmative defense to an action for furnishing alcohol to a minor, proof that the defendant (or his or her agent or employee) demanded and was shown, before furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor, a driver's license or chauffeur's license, a Selective Service certificate, or other bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of that person. The bill would add to this list **a military identification card**.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State of Michigan or its local units of government.

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