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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 680 (as introduced 6-25-09)
Sponsor: Senator John Pappageorge
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the Secretary of State (SOS), when issuing or renewing an individual's driver license, to notify the individual in writing of the prohibition against and the penalties for selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor in violation of the Michigan Liquor Control Code.

That information would have to be provided to an individual who was 21 years of age or older and who was not previously issued the information. The information would have to be in a form determined appropriate by the SOS.

(Under the Liquor Control Code, a person (other than a retail licensee or the clerk, employee or agent of a retail licensee) who furnishes or sells alcoholic liquor to a minor is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for up to 60 days for a first offense, and a maximum fine of \$2,500 and imprisonment for up to 90 days for a second or subsequent offense. The person also may be ordered to perform community service.

Furnishing or selling alcoholic liquor to a minor is a felony punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment or a maximum fine of \$5,000, or both, if the minor's subsequent consumption of the alcohol is a direct and substantial cause of his or her death or an accidental injury that causes his or her death.

A retail licensee or the clerk, employee, or agent of a retail licensee who violates the Code is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to six months or a maximum fine of \$500, or both.)

Proposed MCL 257.314a

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department of State, compliance with the bill could require the mailing of a notice with each license renewal for people aged 21 and older. There are approximately 2.3 million such mailings per year and the Department estimates that the cost to include an insert with each mailing is 3.5 cents per envelope, for an estimated annual cost of \$80,500.

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