HOUSE BILL No. 4709

May 9, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Cotter, MacGregor, Kelly, Pscholka, Heise, Haines, Howrylak, Switalski, Geiss, Rendon, Irwin, VerHeulen and Olumba and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 109 (MCL 436.1109), as amended by 2010 PA 213.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 109. (1) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic liquor, including, but not limited to, a distiller, a rectifier, a wine maker, and a brewer.

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- (2) "Master distributor" means a wholesaler who THAT acts in the same or similar capacity as a brewer, wine maker, outstate seller of wine, or outstate seller of beer for a brand or brands of beer or wine to other wholesalers on a regular basis in the normal course of business.
- (3) "Micro brewer" means a brewer that produces in total less than 30,000-60,000 barrels of beer per year and that may sell the beer produced to consumers at the licensed brewery premises for

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- 1 consumption on or off the licensed brewery premises. In determining
- 2 the 30,000-barrel 60,000-BARREL threshold, all brands and labels of
- 3 a brewer, whether brewed in this state or outside this state, shall
- 4 be combined and all facilities for the production of beer that are
- 5 owned or controlled by the same person shall be treated as a single
- 6 facility.
- 7 (4) "Minor" means a person AN INDIVIDUAL less than 21 years of
- 8 age.
- 9 (5) "Mixed spirit drink" means a drink produced and packaged
- 10 or sold by a mixed spirit drink manufacturer or an outstate seller
- 11 of mixed spirit drink which THAT contains 10% or less alcohol by
- 12 volume consisting of distilled spirits mixed with nonalcoholic
- 13 beverages or flavoring or coloring materials and which THAT may
- 14 also contain 1 or more of the following:
- **15** (a) Water.
- 16 (b) Fruit juices.
- 17 (c) Fruit adjuncts.
- **18** (d) Sugar.
- 19 (e) Carbon dioxide.
- 20 (f) Preservatives.
- 21 (6) "Mixed spirit drink manufacturer" means any person
- 22 licensed under this act to manufacture mixed spirit drink in this
- 23 state and to sell mixed spirit drink to a wholesaler. For purposes
- 24 of rules promulgated by the commission, a mixed spirit drink
- 25 manufacturer shall be treated as a wine manufacturer but is subject
- 26 to the rules applicable to spirits for purposes of manufacturing
- 27 and labeling.

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- 1 (7) "Mixed wine drink" means a drink or similar product
- 2 marketed as a wine cooler and containing THAT CONTAINS less than 7%
- 3 alcohol by volume, consisting CONSISTS of wine and plain,
- 4 sparkling, or carbonated water, and containing CONTAINS any 1 or
- 5 more of the following:
- 6 (a) Nonalcoholic beverages.
- 7 (b) Flavoring.
- 8 (c) Coloring materials.
- **9** (d) Fruit juices.
- 10 (e) Fruit adjuncts.
- **11** (f) Sugar.
- 12 (g) Carbon dioxide.
- 13 (h) Preservatives.
- 14 (8) "Outstate seller of beer" means a person licensed by the
- 15 commission to sell beer which THAT has not been manufactured in
- 16 this state to a wholesaler in this state in accordance with rules
- 17 promulgated by the commission.
- 18 (9) "Outstate seller of mixed spirit drink" means a person
- 19 licensed by the commission to sell mixed spirit drink which THAT
- 20 has not been manufactured in this state to a wholesaler in this
- 21 state in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission. For
- 22 purposes of rules promulgated by the commission, an outstate seller
- 23 of mixed spirit drink shall be treated as an outstate seller of
- 24 wine but is subject to the rules applicable to spirits for purposes
- 25 of manufacturing and labeling.
- 26 (10) "Outstate seller of wine" means a person licensed by the
- 27 commission to sell wine which THAT has not been manufactured in

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- 1 this state to a wholesaler in this state in accordance with rules
- 2 promulgated by the commission and to sell sacramental wine as
- 3 provided in section 301.