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Senate Bill 240 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones  
Committee: Regulatory Reform

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to prohibit a person from using or offering for use, possessing, selling, or offering for sale powdered alcohol except as provided below. A person who violated the prohibition would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 909 of the Code.

(That section specifies that a person, other than a person required to be licensed under the Code, who violates the Code is guilty of a misdemeanor. Under the Michigan Penal Code, a misdemeanor for which a penalty is not specified is punishable by up to 90 days' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$500. The Michigan Liquor Control Code further specifies that, except as otherwise provided, a licensee who violates the Code, or a rule or regulation promulgated under the Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to six months or a maximum fine of \$500, or both.)

The bill would not apply to a hospital that operated primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research, or a State institution, a private college or university, or a pharmaceutical or biotechnology company, if the institution, college or university, or company were conducting bona fide research.

"Powdered alcohol" would mean alcohol that is sold in powder form for either direct use or reconstitution.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Proposed MCL 436.1914a

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill could result in a marginal increase in misdemeanor penalties associated with violations involving powdered alcohol. The bill would not have a significant impact on State and local criminal justice costs.

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