

Legislative Analysis



LPGA LIQUOR LICENSE

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Senate Bill 1094 as reported from House committee

Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

Complete to 12-14-18

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1094 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to include the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour Champions Tournament as a sports-related event eligible to receive a national sporting event license that allows the sale of alcohol on the premises. Eligibility for the license would be for Tour events in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The Michigan Liquor Control Code allows special liquor licenses to be issued for the duration of national sporting events under certain circumstances, including if the national sporting event is conducted under the auspices of a national sanctioning body and the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) determines that the event will attract a substantial number of tourists from outside the state. A national sporting event license is issued for not more than 30 days and must be for specific designated time periods that include the national sporting event and activities associated with the event. The governing body of a host local governmental unit must supply the LCC, for its review, a list of the applicants and locations of the premises to be licensed. The governing body must recommend the number of licenses to be issued in the theme area or areas. The LCC cannot issue any licenses not recommended by the local unit. The local governing body also must provide written certification to the LCC that all premises to be licensed comply with applicable state and local building, safety, and health laws, rules, and regulations. A licensee does not have to meet the usual requirements about proximity to a church or school.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Regulatory Reform reported the Senate-passed version of the bill without amendment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the LPGA 2019 Tournament Schedule, two events are scheduled to be held in Michigan in 2019. In June, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give will be held at the Blythefield Country Club in Grand Rapids. In July, the inaugural Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational will be held at the Midland Country Club in Midland.

Past events for which a national sporting event license has been issued by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission include the 2004 Ryder Cup, 2006 NFL Super Bowl, 2008 PGA Championship, 2009 NCAA Final Four, the U.S. Golf Association Amateur Championship in 2016, and the Ally Challenge, which was part of the PGA Champions Tournament held earlier this fall in Grand Blanc.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1094 would not have a significant impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or any other unit of state or local government, given the limited number of events the bill would apply to. Applicants seeking a license under the bill would be required to pay a \$1,000 license fee.

POSITIONS:

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has no position on the bill. (12-12-18)

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