

HOUSE BILL No. 6079

May 29, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Lilly 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 537 (MCL 436.1537), as amended by 2018 PA 40.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 537. (1) The following classes of vendors may sell
2 alcoholic liquor at retail as provided in this section:

3 (a) Taverns, where beer and wine may be sold for consumption
4 on the premises only.

5 (b) Class C licensee, where beer, wine, mixed spirit drink,
6 and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises.

7 (c) Clubs, where beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits
8 may be sold for consumption on the premises only to bona fide
9 members where consumption is limited to these members and their
10 bona fide guests, who are 21 years of age or older.

11 (d) Direct shippers, where wine may be sold and shipped

1 directly to the consumer.

2 (e) Hotels of class A, where beer and wine may be sold for
3 consumption on the premises and in the rooms of bona fide
4 registered guests. Hotels of class B where beer, wine, mixed spirit
5 drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises and
6 in the rooms of bona fide registered guests.

7 (f) Specially designated merchants, where beer and wine may be
8 sold for consumption off the premises only.

9 (g) Specially designated distributors, where spirits and mixed
10 spirit drink may be sold for consumption off the premises only.

11 (h) Special licensee, where beer and wine or beer, wine, mixed
12 spirit drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption on the
13 premises only.

14 (i) Dining cars or other railroad or Pullman cars, watercraft,
15 or aircraft, where alcoholic liquor may be sold for consumption on
16 the premises only, subject to rules promulgated by the commission.

17 (j) Brewpubs, where beer manufactured on the premises by the
18 licensee may be sold for consumption on or off the premises by any
19 of the following licensees:

20 (i) Class C.

21 (ii) Tavern.

22 (iii) Class A hotel.

23 (iv) Class B hotel.

24 (k) Micro brewers and brewers, where beer produced by the
25 micro brewer or brewer may be sold to a consumer for consumption on
26 or off the brewery premises.

27 (l) Class G-1 licensee, where beer, wine, mixed spirit drink,

1 and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises only to
2 members required to pay an annual membership fee and consumption is
3 limited to these members and their bona fide guests.

4 (m) Class G-2 licensee, where beer and wine may be sold for
5 consumption on the premises only to members required to pay an
6 annual membership fee and consumption is limited to these members
7 and their bona fide guests.

8 (n) Motorsports event licensee, where beer and wine may be
9 sold for consumption on the premises during sanctioned motorsports
10 events only.

11 (o) Wine maker, where wine may be sold by direct shipment, at
12 retail on the licensed premises, and as provided for in subsections
13 (2) and (3).

14 (p) Small distiller selling not more than 60,000 gallons of
15 spirits manufactured by that licensee to the consumer at retail for
16 consumption on or off the licensed premises in the manner provided
17 for in section 534.

18 (q) Nonpublic continuing care retirement center license, where
19 beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, mixed wine drink, and spirits may
20 be sold at retail and served on the licensed premises to residents
21 and bona fide guests accompanying the resident for consumption only
22 on the licensed premises.

23 (r) A small wine maker or an out-of-state entity that is the
24 substantial equivalent of a small wine maker, that holds a farmer's
25 market permit, where wine may be sampled and sold at a farmer's
26 market for consumption off the licensed premises.

27 (2) A wine maker may sell wine made by that wine maker in a

1 restaurant for consumption on or off the premises if the restaurant
2 is owned by the wine maker or operated by another person under an
3 agreement approved by the commission and located on the premises
4 where the wine maker is licensed.

5 (3) A wine maker, with the prior written approval of the
6 commission, may conduct wine tastings ~~of wines made by that wine~~
7 ~~maker~~ on the premises where the wine maker is licensed to
8 manufacture wine. The wine maker may charge for the samples. **FOR**
9 **WINE THAT CONTAINS 8.5% OR MORE OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, A TASTING**
10 **SAMPLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST NOT EXCEED 5 OUNCES OF WINE. FOR**
11 **WINE THAT CONTAINS LESS THAN 8.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, A TASTING**
12 **SAMPLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MUST NOT EXCEED 16 OUNCES OF WINE.**

13 (4) A wine maker, with the prior written approval of the
14 commission, may conduct wine tastings of wines made by that wine
15 maker and may sell the wine made by that wine maker for consumption
16 off the premises at a location other than the premises where the
17 wine maker is licensed to manufacture wine, under the following
18 conditions:

19 (a) The premises on which the wine tasting occurs conform to
20 local and state sanitation requirements.

21 (b) Payment of a \$100.00 fee per location is made to the
22 commission.

23 (c) The wine tasting locations are considered licensed
24 premises, and the wine maker may include a charge for the samples
25 **FOR WINE THAT CONTAINS 8.5% OR MORE OF ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, A TASTING**
26 **SAMPLE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION MUST NOT EXCEED 5 OUNCES OF WINE. FOR**
27 **WINE THAT CONTAINS LESS THAN 8.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME, A TASTING**

1 **SAMPLE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION MUST NOT EXCEED 16 OUNCES OF WINE.**

2 (d) The wine tasting takes place during the legal hours for
3 the sale of alcoholic liquor by the licensee.

4 (e) The premises and the licensee comply with and are subject
5 to all applicable rules promulgated by the commission.

6 (5) Notwithstanding section 1025(1), an outstate seller of
7 beer, an outstate seller of wine, a wine maker, a brewer, a micro
8 brewer, or a specially designated merchant, or an agent of any of
9 those persons, that does not hold a license allowing the
10 consumption of alcoholic liquor on the premises at the same
11 licensed address, may conduct beer and wine tastings on the
12 licensed premises of a specially designated merchant under the
13 following conditions:

14 (a) A customer is not charged for the tasting of beer or wine.

15 (b) The tasting samples provided to a customer do not exceed 3
16 servings at up to 3 ounces per serving of beer or 3 servings at up
17 to 2 ounces of wine. A customer ~~shall~~**MUST** not be provided more
18 than a total of 3 samples of beer or wine within a 24-hour period
19 per licensed premises.

20 (c) The specially designated merchant, outstate seller of
21 beer, outstate seller of wine, wine maker, micro brewer, or brewer
22 has first obtained an annual beer and wine tasting permit approved
23 by the commission.

24 (d) The commission is notified, in writing, a minimum of 10
25 working days before the event, regarding the date, time, and
26 location of the event.

27 (6) During the time a beer or wine tasting is conducted under

1 subsection (5), a specially designated merchant, outstate seller of
2 beer, outstate seller of wine, wine maker, micro brewer, or brewer,
3 or its agent or employee who has successfully completed a server
4 training program as provided for in section 906, shall devote full
5 time to the beer and wine tasting activity and shall not perform
6 other duties, including the sale of alcoholic liquor for
7 consumption off the licensed premises. Beer and wine used for the
8 tasting must come from the specially designated merchant's
9 inventory, and all open bottles must be removed from the premises
10 on the same business day or resealed and stored in a locked,
11 separate storage compartment on the licensed premises when not
12 being used for the activities allowed by the permit.

13 (7) A wholesaler shall not conduct or participate in beer and
14 wine tastings allowed under a permit issued under subsection (5).

15 (8) A beer and wine tasting under subsection (5) may only be
16 conducted during the legal hours for the sale of alcoholic liquor
17 by the licensee.

18 (9) A brandy manufacturer or small distiller, with the prior
19 written approval of the commission, may conduct tastings of brandy
20 and spirits made by that brandy manufacturer or small distiller and
21 may sell the brandy and spirits made by that brandy manufacturer or
22 small distiller for consumption off the licensed premises at a
23 location other than the licensed premises where the brandy
24 manufacturer or small distiller is licensed to manufacture brandy
25 or spirits under the following conditions:

26 (a) The premises on which the brandy and spirits tastings
27 occur conform to local and state sanitation requirements.

1 (b) The brandy manufacturer or small distiller pays the
2 commission a \$100.00 fee per location.

3 (c) The brandy and spirits tasting locations are considered
4 licensed premises.

5 (d) The brandy and spirits tasting takes place during the
6 legal hours for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the licensee.

7 (e) The premises and the license comply with and are subject
8 to all applicable rules promulgated by the commission.

9 (10) An eligible merchant may fill and sell growlers with beer
10 for consumption off the premises under the following conditions:

11 (a) The premises where the filling of growlers takes place
12 comply with the requirements for food service establishments under
13 the food law, 2000 PA 92, MCL 289.1101 to 289.8111.

14 (b) The growler is sealed and has a label affixed to it that
15 includes at least the brand name of the beer, the class of the
16 beer, the net contents of the container, and the name of the
17 retailer filling the growler. The label conditions described in
18 this subdivision do not apply to either of the following:

19 (i) A brewpub described in subsection (1)(j), but only as to
20 beer that the brewpub produces.

21 (ii) A micro brewer or brewer described in subsection (1)(k).

22 (c) The eligible merchant or his or her agent or employee
23 shall not fill a growler in advance of the sale.

24 (d) The eligible merchant or his or her agent or employee
25 shall only use containers that have a capacity of 5 gallons or more
26 to fill a growler.

27 (e) The beer to be dispensed has received a registration

1 number from the commission and has been approved for sale by the
2 commission.

3 (f) The eligible merchant complies with all applicable rules
4 promulgated by the commission.

5 (11) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Eligible merchant" means a person that holds a specially
7 designated merchant license.

8 (b) "Growler" means any clean, refillable, resealable
9 container that is exclusively intended, and used only, for the sale
10 of beer for consumption off the premises and that has a liquid
11 capacity that does not exceed 1 gallon.