HOUSE BILL NO. 5345

January 16, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Wentworth, Hall, Cambensy, Garza and Wendzel 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 409 (MCL 436.1409), as amended by 2014 PA 48.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 409. (1) Except as provided in this section, the
- 2 commission shall levy and collect a tax on all beer manufactured or
- 3 sold in this state at the rate of \$6.30 per barrel if the beer is
- 4 sold in bulk or in different quantities. Before February 1, 2015,
- 5 the tax shall must be paid by the brewer or brewpub if manufactured
- 6 in this state or by the wholesaler or the person from whom





purchased if manufactured outside this state, whichever is
designated by the commission.

- (2) Beginning on and after February 1, 2015, the tax shall 3 under this section must be paid by the brewer or brewpub if the 4 5 beer is manufactured in this state or if the beer is manufactured 6 outside this state the tax shall must be paid by the wholesaler 7 assigned to distribute that beer and the tax shall must be levied 8 and collected on the number of barrels the wholesaler actually sold 9 to licensed retailers in this state. A brewer may designate a 10 wholesaler to pay the tax on behalf of the brewer. If a brewer 11 designates a wholesaler to pay the tax on its behalf, the brewer shall notify the commission of the designation and provide the 12 commission with a copy of its brewer's report of operations that it 13 14 filed with the alcohol and tobacco tax Tobacco Tax and 15 trade bureau Trade Bureau of the United States department 16 Department of treasury Treasury for each calendar year.
 - (3) The commission shall establish by rule a method for the collection of the tax levied under subsection (1) and reporting requirements for wholesalers, brewers, brewpubs, and outstate sellers of beer to verify the remission of taxes to this state. The Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the commission shall not require that the tax be paid in less than monthly intervals. Beginning March 15, 2020, the commission shall not require that the tax be paid in less than quarterly intervals. The rules shall under this section must be promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.
 - (4) The tax levied in under subsection (1) shall must not be collected on beer that is consumed on the premises of the



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- 1 manufacturer or is damaged in the process of brewing, packaging,
- 2 storage, and distribution and is not offered for sale, except that
- 3 beer sold by a brewpub for consumption on the premises or beer
- 4 produced and consumed on the premises of a micro brewer is subject
- 5 to the tax levied under subsection (1).
- 6 (5) The tax levied under subsection (1) shall must be rebated
- 7 to the person that paid the tax if that the person provides
- 8 satisfactory proof to the commission that the beer was shipped
- 9 outside of this state for sale and consumption outside this state.
- 10 (6) For the purposes of the tax levied under subsection (1), a
 11 barrel of beer contains 31 gallons.
- 12 (7) The commission may promulgate a rule that designates the
- 13 states or the laws or the rules of other states that require a
- 14 licensed wholesaler of beer to pay an additional fee for the right
- 15 to purchase, import, or sell beer manufactured in this state; that
- 16 denies the issuance of a license authorizing the importation of
- 17 beer to any wholesaler of beer in that state who applies for the
- 18 license; that prohibits wholesalers of beer in that state from
- 19 possessing or selling beer purchased in this state, unless the
- 20 person from whom the beer was purchased has secured a license and
- 21 paid a fee in that state, if the seller does not transport the beer
- 22 into the state and does not sell the beer in the state; or that
- 23 imposes any higher taxes or inspection fees upon on beer
- 24 manufactured in this state when transporting the beer into or
- 25 selling the beer in that state than taxes or fees imposed upon on
- 26 beer manufactured and sold within that state. A rule promulgated
- 27 under this subsection shall must prohibit all licensees from
- 28 purchasing, receiving, possessing, or selling any beer manufactured
- 29 in any state designated in the rule. A rule promulgated under this



- 1 subsection becomes effective as provided in section 47 of the
- 2 administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.247. Any
- 3 licensee or person adversely affected by a rule promulgated under
- 4 this subsection is entitled to review by leave to a court of
- 5 competent jurisdiction regarding the question as to whether the
- 6 commission acted illegally or in excess of its authority in making
- 7 its finding under this subsection with respect to any state.
- **8** (8) Regardless of whether the tax was remitted to this state
- 9 by the eligible brewer or a designated wholesaler, an eligible
- 10 brewer may claim a credit or request a refund, in a manner as
- 11 determined by the commission, against the tax levied under
- 12 subsection (1) in the amount of \$2.00 per barrel for the first
- 13 30,000 barrels. As used in this subsection, "eligible brewer" means
- 14 a brewer, whether or not located in this state, or brewpub that
- 15 manufactures not more than 50,000 barrels of beer during the
- 16 tax year for which the credit is claimed. In determining the number
- 17 of barrels for purposes of the credit, all brands and labels of a
- 18 brewer shall must be combined and all facilities for the production
- 19 of beer that are owned or controlled by the same person shall be is
- 20 treated as a single facility.
- 21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
- 22 unless all of the following bills of the 100th Legislature are
- 23 enacted into law:
- 24 (a) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5342 (request no.
- **25** 04270'19).
- 26 (b) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5344 (request no.
- **27** 04270'19 a).
- 28 (c) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5348 (request no.
- 29 04540'19).



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(d) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5354 (request no.
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    04747'19).
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         (i) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5343 (request no.
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    05074'19).
         (j) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5355 (request no.
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         (k) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5341 (request no.
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         (l) Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5347 (request no.
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         (o) Senate Bill No. or House Bill No. 5351 (request no.
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