

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATE SUNSET FOR “COCKTAILS TO GO”

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Senate Bill 1163 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Curtis Hertel, Jr.
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1163 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to eliminate a sunset (expiration date) on section 537a, which allows qualified licensees to sell alcohol in a sealed container for off-premises consumption, or to deliver alcohol in a sealed container to a consumer in Michigan, if certain conditions are met.¹

Currently, there is a sunset date of January 1, 2026, after which section 537a will cease to authorize those sales. The bill would eliminate the sunset provision.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 1163 would not have a fiscal impact on any units of state or local government. Eliminating the sunset pertaining to filling and selling containers for off-premises consumption and delivering to consumers would have no impact, since the qualified licensees must already possess a license under the Michigan Liquor Control Code.

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¹ Qualified licensees are retailers licensed (except by a special license) to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption or manufacturers that have an on-premises tasting room permit, off-premises tasting room license, or joint off-premises tasting room license. Section 537a does not allow a qualified licensee to sell alcoholic liquor in its original packaging unless otherwise allowed under the code.