

Legislative Analysis



MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIQUOR LICENSE

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Senate Bill 804 (S-1) as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Paul Wojno

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Regulatory Affairs

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 804 would amend Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to issue a license to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises of the Expo Center Complex and the John Lewis Student Community Center at Macomb Community College, if the license was originally acquired on the open market for fair market value.

Currently, the code allows the commission to issue licenses to the governing board of a state-supported college or university, without regard to quotas set by the code, to sell alcoholic liquor on at a *conference center* by the governing board. It also allows licenses to be issued for the sale of liquor at certain other facilities on college and university campuses, subject to the quotas set by section 531 of the code and certain other restrictions.¹

Conference center means either of the following:

- A building or portion of a building, other than a student residence hall or student center, that has meeting rooms, banquet areas, social halls, overnight accommodations, and related facilities for special activities scheduled by the college or university, and that, in the judgment of the commission, has been regularly used for conferences and lodging of guests.
- Any of the specific facilities included in the definition.

The license permitted for the Expo Center Complex and the John Lewis Student Community Center under the bill would be subject to the quotas set by the bill. If issued a license, the governing board of Macomb Community College would have to pay the fee required by section 525 of the code.²

The bill would also allow the transfer of licenses issued to colleges and universities that are subject to the code's quotas.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 804 would have minimal to no fiscal impact on state and local government units. The bill would allow Macomb Community College to obtain a license from the Michigan

¹ <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-436-1531>

² <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-436-1525>

Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for the sale and consumption of liquor during scheduled conference center activities. If the College chooses to obtain a license, the MLCC would receive additional fee revenue, though any revenue increase would be minimal. Macomb Community College, which is a local government unit, may also experience additional revenue from the sale of liquor. The revenue realized by the college would be dependent on a number of variables, including the number of events held with liquor sales and the amount of liquor sales.

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