

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4595 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Rylee Linting
Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4595 would amend the Liquor Control Code to allow the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to issue a specially designated merchant license, a specially designated distributor license, or both, to a grocery store located on land owned by Schoolcraft College.

MCL 436.1533

BACKGROUND:

A specially designated merchant (SDM) license allows a business to sell beer, wine, or mixed spirit drink products in its original package for consumption off the licensee's premises. According to the MLCC, SDM licenses are commonly held by grocery stores, gas stations, and other types of stores that sell products for off-premises consumption.¹

A specially designated distributor (SDD) license allows a business to sell retail spirits for consumption off the licensee's premises.²

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4595 would have minimal to no fiscal impact on state and local government units. The bill would allow the MLCC to issue specially designated merchant or specially designated distributor licenses to grocery stores located on land owned by Schoolcraft College. These license types are limited by local government quotas. If licenses are available and eligible stores choose to obtain them, the MLCC would receive additional fee revenue, though any revenue increase would be minimal. If stores that choose to obtain licenses are owned by Schoolcraft College, the college may also experience additional revenue from the sale of liquor, and the amount of revenue would depend on the volume of liquor sales.

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¹ <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/lcc/MLCC-FAQs/Retailer-FAQ/SDM-Requirements.pdf>

² <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/lcc/MLCC-FAQs/Retailer-FAQ/SDD-Requirements.pdf>