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Senate Bill 1401 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Phillip E. Hoffman
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to permit members of the general public to bring alcohol not purchased at a motorsports entertainment complex into the complex, and possess and consume that alcohol, under certain circumstances.

Specifically, for seven consecutive days or less during which public access to a motorsports entertainment complex was permitted in connection with a motorsports event, members of the public at least 21 years old could bring alcoholic liquor not purchased at the complex into the complex. Possession and consumption of the alcohol would be allowed in the areas open to the general public that were also part of the licensed premises of a retail licensee only if the licensed premises were located within the complex, and if the retail licensee held a license for consumption on the premises of the motorsports complex.

The bill would define "motorsports entertainment complex" as a closed-course motorsports facility and its ancillary grounds that met all of the following requirements: had at least 70,000 fixed seats for race patrons; had at least seven scheduled days of motorsports events each calendar year; had at least four motorsports events each calendar year; served food and beverages at the facility during sanctioned events each calendar year through concession outlets, a majority of which were staffed by individuals who represented or were members of one or more nonprofit civic or charitable organizations that directly financially benefitted from the concession outlets' sales; engaged in tourism promotion; and had located on the property exhibitions of motorsports history, events, or vehicles.

"Motorsports event" would mean a motorsports race and its ancillary activities that had been sanctioned by one of the following organizations: the American Motorcycle Association, Auto Racing Club of America, Championship Auto Racing Teams, Grand American Road Racing Association, Indy Racing League, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), Nation Hot Rod Association, Professional Sports car Racing, Sports Car Club of America, or United States Auto Club, or any successor organization or nationally or internationally recognized governing body of motorsports that established an annual schedule of motorsports events and granted rights to conduct the events, that had established rules and regulations governing all participants involved in the events and all people conducting them, and that required certain liability assurances, including insurance.

Proposed MCL 436.1518

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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