

House Bill 4819

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4819 AS INTRODUCED 6-10-03

Under Michigan's zero tolerance laws, it is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to purchase, consume, possess (or to attempt to purchase, consume, or possess) alcoholic beverages. A violation is a misdemeanor with penalties that include automatic driver's license sanctions (for second and subsequent violations) and the possibility of a fine, community service, and substance abuse screening (at the violator's own expense) and/or substance abuse prevention or treatment services.

House Bill 4819 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to apply the above penalties to a person under 21 years of age who had any bodily alcohol content (BAC). The bill would define "any bodily alcohol content" as meaning that term as defined by the Michigan Vehicle Code (MCL 257.625).

(Currently, Section 625 of the vehicle code defines "any bodily alcohol content" to mean an alcohol content of not less than 0.02 grams or more than 0.07 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine, or any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of liquor, other than consumption of liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony. However, House Bill 4247, which would amend the vehicle code to establish a BAC of 0.08 grams as the *per se* level for driving while intoxicated, would revise the alcohol content level to not less than 0.02 grams but less than 0.08 grams.)

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