

# SENATE BILL No. 27

January 16, 2013, Introduced by Senator HILDENBRAND and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 537 (MCL 436.1537), as amended by 2011 PA 298.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 537. (1) The following classes of vendors may sell  
2 alcoholic liquor at retail as provided in this section:

3           (a) Taverns, where beer and wine may be sold for consumption  
4 on the premises only.

5           (b) Class C ~~license~~**LICENSEE**, where beer, wine, mixed spirit  
6 drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises.

7           (c) Clubs, where beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits  
8 may be sold for consumption on the premises only to bona fide  
9 members where consumption is limited to these members and their  
10 bona fide guests, who are 21 years of age or older.

11           (d) Direct shippers, where wine may be sold and shipped

1 directly to the consumer.

2 (e) Hotels of class A, where beer and wine may be sold for  
3 consumption on the premises and in the rooms of bona fide  
4 registered guests. Hotels of class B where beer, wine, mixed spirit  
5 drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises and  
6 in the rooms of bona fide registered guests.

7 (f) Specially designated merchants, where beer and wine may be  
8 sold for consumption off the premises only.

9 (g) Specially designated distributors, where spirits and mixed  
10 spirit drink may be sold for consumption off the premises only.

11 (h) Special ~~licenses~~**LICENSEE**, where beer and wine or beer,  
12 wine, mixed spirit drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption  
13 on the premises only.

14 (i) Dining cars or other railroad or Pullman cars, watercraft,  
15 or aircraft, where alcoholic liquor may be sold for consumption on  
16 the premises only, subject to rules promulgated by the commission.

17 (j) Brewpubs, where beer manufactured on the premises by the  
18 licensee may be sold for consumption on or off the premises by any  
19 of the following licensees:

20 (i) Class C.

21 (ii) Tavern.

22 (iii) Class A hotel.

23 (iv) Class B hotel.

24 (k) Micro brewers and brewers, where beer produced by the  
25 micro brewer or brewer may be sold to a consumer for consumption on  
26 or off the brewery premises.

27 (l) Class G-1 ~~license~~**LICENSEE**, where beer, wine, mixed spirit

1 drink, and spirits may be sold for consumption on the premises only  
2 to members required to pay an annual membership fee and consumption  
3 is limited to these members and their bona fide guests.

4 (m) Class G-2 ~~license~~**LICENSEE**, where beer and wine may be  
5 sold for consumption on the premises only to members required to  
6 pay an annual membership fee and consumption is limited to these  
7 members and their bona fide guests.

8 (n) Motorsports event ~~license~~**LICENSEE**, where beer and wine  
9 may be sold for consumption on the premises during sanctioned  
10 motorsports events only.

11 (o) Wine maker, where wine may be sold by direct shipment, at  
12 retail on the licensed premises, and as provided for in subsections  
13 (2) and (3).

14 (p) Small distiller selling not more than 60,000 gallons of  
15 spirits manufactured by that licensee to the consumer at retail for  
16 consumption on or off the licensed premises in the manner provided  
17 for in section 534.

18 (q) Nonpublic continuing care retirement center license, where  
19 beer, wine, mixed spirit drink, mixed wine drink, and spirits may  
20 be sold at retail and served on the licensed premises to residents  
21 and bona fide guests accompanying the resident for consumption only  
22 on the licensed premises.

23 (2) A wine maker may sell wine made by that wine maker in a  
24 restaurant for consumption on or off the premises if the restaurant  
25 is owned by the wine maker or operated by another person under an  
26 agreement approved by the commission and located on the premises  
27 where the wine maker is licensed.

1 (3) A wine maker, with the prior written approval of the  
2 commission, may conduct wine tastings of wines made by that wine  
3 maker on the premises where the wine maker is licensed to  
4 manufacture wine. The wine maker may charge for the samples.

5 (4) A wine maker, with the prior written approval of the  
6 commission, may conduct wine tastings of wines made by that wine  
7 maker and may sell the wine made by that wine maker for consumption  
8 off the premises at a location other than the premises where the  
9 wine maker is licensed to manufacture wine, under the following  
10 conditions:

11 (a) The premises upon which the wine tasting occurs conforms  
12 to local and state sanitation requirements.

13 (b) Payment of a \$100.00 fee per location is made to the  
14 commission.

15 (c) The wine tasting locations are considered licensed  
16 premises, and the wine maker may include a charge for the samples.

17 (d) The wine tasting takes place during the legal hours for  
18 the sale of alcoholic liquor by the licensee.

19 (e) The premises and the licensee comply with and are subject  
20 to all applicable rules promulgated by the commission.

21 (5) Notwithstanding section 1025(1), an outstate seller of  
22 beer, an outstate seller of wine, a wine maker, a brewer, a micro  
23 brewer, or a specially designated merchant, or an agent of any of  
24 those persons, who does not hold a license allowing the consumption  
25 of alcoholic liquor on the premises at the same licensed address,  
26 may conduct beer and wine tastings on the licensed premises of a  
27 specially designated merchant under the following conditions:

1 (a) A customer is not charged for the tasting of beer or wine.

2 (b) The tasting samples provided to a customer do not exceed 3  
3 servings at up to 3 ounces per serving of beer or 3 servings at up  
4 to 2 ounces of wine. A customer shall not be provided more than a  
5 total of 3 samples of beer or wine within a 24-hour period per  
6 licensed premises.

7 (c) The specially designated merchant, outstate seller of  
8 beer, outstate seller of wine, wine maker, micro brewer, or brewer  
9 has first obtained an annual beer and wine tasting permit approved  
10 by the commission.

11 (d) The commission is notified, in writing, a minimum of 10  
12 working days before the event, regarding the date, time, and  
13 location of the event.

14 (6) During the time a beer or wine tasting is conducted under  
15 subsection (5), a specially designated merchant, outstate seller of  
16 beer, outstate seller of wine, wine maker, micro brewer, or brewer,  
17 or its agent or employee who has successfully completed a server  
18 training program as provided for in section 906, shall devote full  
19 time to the beer and wine tasting activity and shall perform no  
20 other duties, including the sale of alcoholic liquor for  
21 consumption off the licensed premises. Beer and wine used for the  
22 tasting must come from the specially designated merchant's  
23 inventory, and all open bottles must be removed from the premises  
24 on the same business day or resealed and stored in a locked,  
25 separate storage compartment on the licensed premises when not  
26 being used for the activities allowed by the permit.

27 (7) A wholesaler shall not conduct or participate in beer and

1 wine tastings allowed under a permit issued under subsection (5).

2 (8) A beer and wine tasting under subsection (5) may only be  
3 conducted during the legal hours for the sale of alcoholic liquor  
4 by the licensee.

5 (9) A brandy manufacturer or small distiller, with the prior  
6 written approval of the commission, may conduct tastings of brandy  
7 and spirits made by that brandy manufacturer or small distiller and  
8 may sell the brandy and spirits made by that brandy manufacturer or  
9 small distiller for consumption off the licensed premises at a  
10 location other than the licensed premises where the brandy  
11 manufacturer or small distiller is licensed to manufacture brandy  
12 or spirits under the following conditions:

13 (a) The premises upon which the brandy and spirits tastings  
14 occur conform to local and state sanitation requirements.

15 (b) Payment of a \$100.00 fee per location is made to the  
16 commission.

17 (c) The brandy and spirits tasting locations are considered  
18 licensed premises.

19 (d) The brandy and spirits tasting takes place during the  
20 legal hours for the sale of alcoholic liquor by the licensee.

21 (e) The premises and the license comply with and are subject  
22 to all applicable rules promulgated by the commission.

23 **(10) AN ELIGIBLE MERCHANT MAY REFILL GROWLERS WITH BEER FOR**  
24 **CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

25 **(A) THE PREMISES WHERE THE REFILLING OF GROWLERS TAKES PLACE**  
26 **COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER**  
27 **THE FOOD LAW OF 2000, 2000 PA 92, MCL 289.1101 TO 289.8111.**

1 (B) THE GROWLER IS CLEARLY LABELED AND SEALED IN A MANNER THAT  
2 COMPLIES WITH EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LABELING AND SALE FOR  
3 CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES.

4 (C) THE ELIGIBLE MERCHANT COMPLIES WITH ALL APPLICABLE RULES  
5 PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSION.

6 (11) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

7 (A) "ELIGIBLE MERCHANT" MEANS A PERSON THAT HOLDS A SPECIALLY  
8 DESIGNATED MERCHANT LICENSE AND A CLASS C LICENSE.

9 (B) "GROWLER" MEANS ANY CLEAN, REFILLABLE, RESEALABLE  
10 CONTAINER WITH A LIQUID CAPACITY THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 1 GALLON.