

Act No. 137
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
98TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016**

Introduced by Senators Hildenbrand, Hansen and Schuitmaker

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 344

AN ACT to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "An act to create a commission for the control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, and to prescribe its powers, duties, and limitations; to provide for powers and duties for certain state departments and agencies; to impose certain taxes for certain purposes; to provide for the control of the alcoholic liquor traffic within this state and to provide for the power to establish state liquor stores; to prohibit the use of certain devices for the dispensing of alcoholic vapor; to provide for the care and treatment of alcoholics; to provide for the incorporation of farmer cooperative wineries and the granting of certain rights and privileges to those cooperatives; to provide for the licensing and taxation of activities regulated under this act and the disposition of the money received under this act; to prescribe liability for retail licensees under certain circumstances and to require security for that liability; to provide procedures, defenses, and remedies regarding violations of this act; to provide for the enforcement and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; to provide for allocation of certain funds for certain purposes; to provide for the confiscation and disposition of property seized under this act; to provide referenda under certain circumstances; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending section 533 (MCL 436.1533), as amended by 1998 PA 416.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 533. (1) A person may apply for a specially designated merchant license without holding or applying for any other license under this act.

(2) An applicant for a class C, class A hotel, class B hotel, class G-1, class G-2, tavern, or specially designated distributor license or a retailer licensed under this act to sell alcoholic liquor may apply for a license as a specially designated merchant.

(3) An applicant for a specially designated merchant license not in conjunction with an on-premises license, except as provided in section 229(1), or a person licensed under this act as a specially designated merchant only or a class B hotel may apply for a license as a specially designated distributor.

(4) In cities, incorporated villages, or townships, the commission shall issue only 1 specially designated distributor license for each 3,000 of population, or fraction of 3,000. The commission may waive the quota requirement if there is no existing specially designated distributor licensee within 2 miles of the applicant, measured along the nearest traffic route.

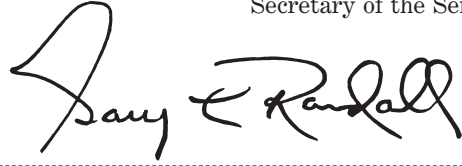
Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Bill No. 4895 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor