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Senate Bill 73 (Substitute S-2 as passed by the Senate)
Sponsor: Senator Paul Wojno
Committee: Regulatory Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Liquor Control Code to allow the following venues to sell alcohol at scheduled activities:

- **The Expo Center Complex and the John Lewis Student Community Center at Macomb Community College.**
- **The Wayne County Community College District Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center.**
- **The Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw County Community College.**
- **The John McDonald Student and Culinary Arts Center at Henry Ford College.**

The Code allows the Liquor Control Commission to issue to the governing board of a college or university a license to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption at specific centers and buildings operated by the university or college. The Code lists specific buildings that are considered conference centers on specific university campuses. The bill would include in the list the venues described above and require that the licenses be originally acquired on the open market at a fair market value.

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BRIEF RATIONALE

According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs, the Liquor Control Commission has denied liquor licenses for event centers not specifically named in statute. The event spaces described above are frequently used for internal and external events, such as seasonal celebrations, receptions, and expositions. Other centers on these college campuses have held liquor licenses with success, and so it has been suggested that these event spaces also have the option to obtain a liquor license for events.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 804 from the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 804 passed the Senate and was referred directly to the Floor in the House but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Nathan Leaman

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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