

Legislative Analysis



BREWERS: REVISE NUMBER OF TASTING ROOMS

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Senate Bill 665 (S-1) as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Roger Victory

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 665 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow a smaller brewer that is not licensed as a micro brewer to sell its beer for consumption on the licensed premises at up to three of its approved tasting rooms in Michigan, rather than the two currently allowed.

The Liquor Control Code allows a brewer or micro brewer to sell beer it made, for consumption on or off the premises, at an approved tasting room located on licensed brewery premises where the brewer or micro brewer makes beer. Subject to certain conditions and limitations, if a brewer or micro brewer has more than one licensed brewery premises, the brewer or micro brewer can sell beer produced at one licensed brewery premises at an approved tasting room located on any of its other licensed brewery premises.

Currently, a licensed micro brewer that produces less than 30,000 barrels of beer per year may sell its beer for on-premises consumption at any of its approved tasting rooms in the state, and a micro brewer producing 30,000 barrels or more is limited to on-premises sales at no more than three of its tasting rooms. (A micro brewer, by definition, produces less than 60,000 barrels of beer per year.) By comparison, a brewer that is not licensed as a micro brewer, regardless of how many barrels it produces, may sell its beer for on-premises consumption at no more than two approved tasting rooms in the state.

The bill would amend the Liquor Control Code to allow a brewer that is not a micro brewer and that produces less than 120,000 barrels of beer per year to sell its beer for on-premises consumption at up to three approved tasting rooms in the state. The current two-tasting-room limitation on beer sales for on-premises consumption would still apply to a brewer that produces 120,000 barrels or more of beer per year.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 665 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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