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House Bill 4627 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Jason Allen
House Committee: Commerce
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would create a new act that would permit hotels and bed and breakfasts to refuse to rent a room to a minor, other than an emancipated minor. Under the bill, a hotel or bed and breakfast could require an individual to provide documentary evidence confirming the age of someone renting or leasing a room or documentary evidence of a minor's emancipation, including a driver's license, a selective service registration certificate, a marriage license, or other bona fide documentation of an individual's age and identity or a minor's emancipation.

As specified in the bill, hotels and bed and breakfasts must comply with section 146 of the Michigan Penal Code, which entitles all people in the State to full and equal accommodations and privileges at hotels, restaurants, and other public venues.

A "hotel," as defined in Public Act 188 of 1913, includes inns and public lodging houses. A "bed and breakfast," as defined in the Single State Construction Code Act, is a single family structure with 10 or fewer sleeping rooms, one or more of which is available for rent to transient tenants, and that serves meals at no extra cost to tenants. "Emancipated minor," as defined in the Emancipation of Minors Act, means a person under 18 who is married, is on active duty with the United States Armed Forces, or has been granted emancipation by the courts. The bill would incorporate these definitions. A "minor," as defined in the bill, would be an individual under 18.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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