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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1493 (as introduced 9-14-10)  
Sponsor: Senator Jason E. Allen  
Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to reduce the required minimum seating capacity of a business to obtain an extra liquor license in a city development district or area.**

Under the Code, a public license for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises may not be granted in excess of one license for each 1,500 people, but the Code allows the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to issue various types of additional on-premises licenses if local units meet certain criteria. These include licenses for businesses that are located in a development district or area that is any of the following:

- A tax increment finance authority.
- A development area established under the Corridor Improvement Authority Act.
- A downtown district established under the downtown development authority act.
- A principal shopping district.

For this type of license, certain conditions apply regarding the amount of investment in the building that houses the licensed premises and the total amount of public and private investment in real and personal property within the qualified redevelopment project area. In addition, the licensed business must be engaged in dining, entertainment, or recreation; be open to the general public; and have a seating capacity of at least 50 people. The bill would reduce the required minimum seating capacity to 25 people.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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