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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1219 (as introduced 11-27-18)  
Sponsor: Senator Tory Rocca  
Committee: Regulatory Reform

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to revise the names of certain buildings that are considered "conference centers" for purposes of the Code.**

The Code allows the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to issue to the governing board of a college or university a license to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises of a conference center operated by the governing board. These licenses may be used only for the sale of alcoholic liquor at regularly scheduled conference center activities.

"Conference center" means a building or portion of a building, other than a student residence hall or student center, which has meeting rooms, banquet areas, social halls, overnight accommodations, and related facilities for special activities scheduled by a college or university, which in the Commission's judgment, has been regularly used for conferences and lodging of guests.

The Code specifies that certain buildings are considered conference centers for purposes of the Code, including the convocation center and the corporate education center at Eastern Michigan University; the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University; and the West complex at Saginaw State University. The bill instead would refer to the Convocation Center and the Corporate Education Center at Pease Auditorium, and McKenny Hall at Eastern Michigan University; the Bernhard Center and Heritage Hall Alumni Center at Western Michigan University; and the West Complex, Fredericks Sculpture Museum, and Alumni Building at Saginaw Valley State University, respectively.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact on State or local government. Insofar as the inclusion of additional facilities would result in increased sales of alcoholic beverages, liquor tax revenue would be distributed according to the current formula: 4.0% to the School Aid Fund, 4.0% to the Convention Facility Development Fund, and 4.0% to the General Fund. However, the magnitude of this revenue or revenue from additional licenses would be negligible due to the limited number of facilities affected.

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