

# HOUSE BILL No. 6543

November 28, 2018, Introduced by Reps. Iden and VanderWall and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled  
"Michigan liquor control code of 1998,"  
(MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303) by adding section 1028.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **SEC. 1028. (1) THE COMMISSION MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL LICENSE**  
2           **UNDER THIS SECTION TO A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING A SPIRITS**  
3           **TASTING. THE APPLICATION MUST CONFORM TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

4           **(A) BE SUBMITTED BY A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.**

5           **(B) THE SPIRITS TASTING INVOLVES AN EVENT HAVING FOR ITS**  
6           **PRIMARY PURPOSE THE SHOWCASING OF SPIRITS AND THE SPIRITS'**  
7           **PRODUCTION AND OR MIXABILITY.**

8           **(C) BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$25.00 PER DAY OF THE EVENT.**

9           **(2) THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION**  
10           **SHALL NOT ALLOW MORE THAN 6 EVENTS PER CALENDAR YEAR CONFORMING TO**

1 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) .

2 (3) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
3 MAY PURCHASE THE SPIRITS FOR THE EVENT BY EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING  
4 METHODS :

5 (A) FROM ITS MEMBER VENDORS OF SPIRITS AND SMALL DISTILLERS AT  
6 THE SAME PRICE QUOTED FOR SALE TO THE COMMISSION.

7 (B) AS A CONSOLIDATED TRANSACTION THROUGH 1 OR MORE AUTHORIZED  
8 DISTRIBUTION AGENTS, AT THE SAME PRICE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD  
9 PAY FOR THE SPIRITS BEFORE ACCOUNTING FOR THE GROSS PROFIT  
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 233.

11 (4) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
12 AND THE MEMBER VENDORS OF SPIRITS, SMALL DISTILLERS, AUTHORIZED  
13 DISTRIBUTION AGENTS, AND BROKERS WHOSE VENDOR REPRESENTATIVES,  
14 SALESPERSONS, OR AGENTS ARE LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION, MAY POUR  
15 AND SERVE SPIRITS, WITH OR WITHOUT MIXERS.

16 (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

17 (A) "QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION" IS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION WHOSE  
18 MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES AT LEAST 15 PRIMARY MEMBERS AND CONSISTS OF ALL  
19 OF THE FOLLOWING THAT ARE LICENSED BY THE COMMISSION:

20 (i) VENDORS OF SPIRITS.

21 (ii) SMALL DISTILLERS.

22 (iii) BROKERS. AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "BROKER" MEANS  
23 THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 609.

24 (iv) AUTHORIZED DELIVERY AGENTS.

25 (B) "SPIRITS TASTING" MEANS AN EVENT AT WHICH SPIRITS ARE  
26 SHOWCASED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND AT WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC CAN  
27 PURCHASE AND SAMPLE THE SPIRITS BEING SHOWCASED FOR CONSUMPTION ON

1 THE LICENSED PREMISES.