

Legislative Analysis



ENGRAVING OF SPIRIT BOTTLES

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House Bill 5059 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Hoadley
Committee: Regulatory Reform
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5059 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow a vendor of spirits; a vendor's representative, salesperson, or broker that represents the vendor of spirits; or a third party that provides engraving services to engrave a bottle of spirits before it is sold to a consumer or engrave a bottle that is purchased by a consumer under certain conditions described below. The bill's provisions would apply to bottles sold by specially designated distributors.

If the engraved bottle is purchased by a consumer (rather than engraved before being sold), both of the following would apply:

- The party that provides the engraving services could pick the bottle up from the specially designated distributor's licensed premises and return the bottle there after the engraving has been completed for the consumer to pick up.
- Possession by a retailer of an engraved bottle of spirits that has been returned to the licensed premises of the specially designated distributor as described above would not violate section 901 of the code.¹

The bill also would allow a party that provides engraving services to engrave a bottle of spirits purchased by a consumer from the inventory of a specially designated distributor during a consumer sampling event conducted in compliance with section 1027 of the code² by a vendor of spirits that holds a consumer sampling event license, or a vendor representative, salesperson, or broker that represents the supplier.

Proposed MCL 436.1609k

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5059 would have no fiscal impact on any units of state or local government.

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¹ <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-436-1901>

² <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-436-2027>