



ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 969 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones Committee: Regulatory Reform

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to prohibit the use, possession, and sale of marihuana-infused beer, wine, mixed wine drink, mixed spirit drink, or spirits.

Specifically, except as provided below, a person could not use or offer for use, possess, sell, or offer for sale marihuana-infused beer, wine, mixed wine drink, mixed spirit drink, or spirits. A person that violated this provision would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine as specified in the Code.

This prohibition would not apply to a hospital that operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research, or to any of the following conducting bona fide research:

- -- A State institution.
- -- A private college or university.
- -- A pharmaceutical company or biotechnology company.

"Marihuana-infused beer, wine, mixed wine drink, mixed spirit drink, or spirits" would mean beer, wine, mixed wine drink, mixed spirit drink, or spirits that contain any amount of marihuana. "Marihuana" would mean that term as defined in the Public Health Code.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and could have a negative fiscal impact on local government. Any increase in misdemeanor arrests and convictions could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, and jails. Any associated increase in fine revenue would increase funding to public libraries.

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