

# Legislative Analysis



## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE LIQUOR LICENSES

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**House Bill 4282 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Matt Koleszar**

Analysis available at  
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>

**House Bill 4595 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Rylee Linting**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bills 4282 and 4595 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to issue certain licenses to grocery stores on land owned by Schoolcraft College.

**House Bill 4282** would amend the Liquor Control Code to allow the MLCC to issue a license for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to a full-service grocery store that is a private entity on land owned by Schoolcraft College, and for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic liquor at a restaurant within the grocery store, if all of the following apply:

- The land is leased or subleased at fair market value to a private entity that owns, leases, or subleases the licensed premises for the operation of a full-service grocery store or restaurant, or both.
- The full-service grocery store and restaurant are located within an area designated for industrial, research, or commercial development by the governing board of Schoolcraft College.
- The license was originally acquired on the open market at fair market value.

Currently, the code allows the commission to issue licenses to the governing board of a state-supported college or university, without regard to quotas set by the code, to sell alcoholic liquor at a conference center by the governing board. It also allows licenses to be issued for the sale of liquor at certain other facilities on college and university campuses, subject to the quotas set by section 531 of the code and certain other restrictions.<sup>1</sup>

MCL 436.1513

**House Bill 4595** would amend the Liquor Control Code to allow the MLCC to issue a specially designated merchant license, a specially designated distributor license, or both, to a grocery store located on land owned by Schoolcraft College.

MCL 436.1533

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-436-1531>

## **BACKGROUND:**

A specially designated merchant (SDM) license allows a business to sell beer, wine, or mixed spirit drink products in their original package for consumption off the licensee's premises. According to the MLCC, SDM licenses are commonly held by grocery stores, gas stations, and other types of stores that sell products for off-premises consumption.<sup>2</sup>

A specially designated distributor (SDD) license allows a business to sell retail spirits for consumption off the licensee's premises.<sup>3</sup>

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4282 would have minimal to no fiscal impact on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. The bill would allow a private entity to obtain a license for the retail sale of liquor at a grocery store or restaurant located on Schoolcraft College property. If a private entity chooses to obtain a license, the MLCC would receive additional license fee revenue, though any potential increase in revenue would be minimal.

House Bill 4595 would have minimal to no fiscal impact on state and local government units. The bill would allow the MLCC to issue specially designated merchant or specially designated distributor licenses to grocery stores located on land owned by Schoolcraft College. These license types are limited by local government quotas. If licenses are available and eligible stores choose to obtain them, the MLCC would receive additional fee revenue, though any revenue increase would be minimal. If stores that choose to obtain licenses are owned by Schoolcraft College, the college may also experience additional revenue from the sale of liquor, and the amount of revenue would depend on the volume of liquor sales.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/lcc/MLCC-FAQs/Retailer-FAQ/SDM-Requirements.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/lcc/MLCC-FAQs/Retailer-FAQ/SDD-Requirements.pdf>