

# Legislative Analysis



## HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE DEFINITIONS

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**House Bill 4700 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Bill G. Schuette**  
**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4700 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to amend the definitions of ***Class A hotel*** and ***Class B hotel*** to lower the room threshold to qualify for a license for hotels located in certain districts established under the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act<sup>1</sup> or 1961 PA 120.<sup>2</sup>

***Class A hotel*** currently means a hotel licensed by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to sell beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink for consumption on the premises only that provides for the rental of, and maintains the availability for rental of, at least 25 bedrooms if located in a local governmental unit with a population of less than 175,000 or at least 50 bedrooms if located in a local governmental unit with a population of 175,000 or more.

***Class B hotel*** currently means the same, but with a license that also allows for the sale of spirits for consumption on the premises.

Under the bill, ***Class A hotel*** would mean a hotel licensed by the MLCC to sell beer, wine, and mixed spirit drink for consumption on the premises only that provides for the rental of, and maintains the availability for rental of, one of the following:

- At least 20 bedrooms if located in a local governmental unit with a population of less than 175,000.
- At least 50 bedrooms if located in a local governmental unit with a population of 175,000 or more.
- Notwithstanding the population of the local governmental unit, at least 20 bedrooms if located in any of the following:
  - An authority district established under Part 3 of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act.
  - A development area established under Part 6 of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act.
  - A downtown district established under Part 2 of the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act.
  - A principal shopping district established under 1961 PA 120.

Again, ***Class B hotel*** would mean the same but allow for the sale of spirits.

MCL 436.1107

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=MCL-ACT-57-OF-2018>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-Act-120-of-1961>

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4700 would have no fiscal impact on any units of state or local government.

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