SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1067 would amend section 303a of the Michigan Liquor Control Code to redirect $476,500 of the money in the Michigan Craft Beverage Council Fund to the state general fund for one year only, the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. This transfer to the state general fund was agreed to as part of a FY 2019-20 budget balancing agreement.

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BACKGROUND:

A number of licensing and regulatory fees are established under the Michigan Liquor Control Code. Section 543 of the code provides for the distribution of fee revenue. Generally, retail license and renewal fees are earmarked for enforcement of the licensing and regulatory enforcement provisions of the code. Section 543 currently earmarks certain license and license renewal fees to the Michigan Craft Beverage Council Fund established in section 303a. Estimated FY 2019-20 revenue is $875,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The $476,500 that would be redirected from the Michigan Craft Beverage Council Fund to the state general fund represents the fund balance at September 30, 2019. The redirection of this balance to the state general fund would not require a reduction in Michigan Craft Beverage Council appropriations the FY 2019-20 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development budget.

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