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House Bill 5500 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Representative Tom Casperson
House Committee: Regulatory Reform
Senate Committee: Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to provide for Eastern Standard Time (EST) to apply to the hours during which liquor may be sold on Sunday throughout the State.

Under the bill, an on-premises licensee could not sell, give away, or furnish alcoholic liquor between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any day, or between 2 a.m. and noon, EST, on Sunday, notwithstanding R 436.1403 of the Michigan Administrative Code, and except as otherwise provided by the Code or rule of the Liquor Control Commission. Also, an on-premises liquor licensee would not be permitted to sell, give away, or furnish spirits between 2 a.m. and 12 midnight, EST, on Sundays unless the Commission issued the licensee a Sunday sales permit that allowed the licensee to sell spirits between 12 noon, EST, and 12 midnight, EST.

The bill specifies that, for purposes of R 426.1403, 12 noon on Sunday would be considered 12 noon on Sunday EST, for any licensee located in the Central Time Zone. (Under R 436.1403, an on-premises licensee may not sell, give away, or furnish alcoholic liquor between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any day or between 2 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday. An on-premises licensee also may not sell, give away, or furnish spirits between 2 a.m. and 12 midnight on Sunday, unless the Commission issues a Sunday sales permit that allows the licensee to sell spirits on Sunday between noon and midnight.)

The bill states that any reference to the time of day under the Code or a Commission rule would include daylight savings time, when observed.

The bill also would refer to Eastern Standard Time in provisions under which the legislative body of a county, or a county's electors, may permit the sale of alcohol after noon on Sunday in a licensed establishment in which the gross receipts from food and other goods exceed 50% of the total gross receipts, and may permit the sale of alcohol after noon on Sunday for off-premises consumption.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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