

HOUSE BILL No. 4179

January 30, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Caul, Hansen, Booher, Palsrok and Moore and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 58, entitled "Michigan liquor control code of 1998," by amending section 541 (MCL 436.1541), as amended by 2006 PA 253.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 541. (1) The commission shall not prohibit an applicant
2 for or the holder of a specially designated distributor license or
3 specially designated merchant license from owning or operating
4 motor vehicle fuel pumps on or adjacent to the licensed premises,
5 if both of the following conditions are met:

6 (a) One or both of the following conditions exist:

7 (i) The applicant or licensee is located in a neighborhood
8 shopping center composed of 1 or more commercial establishments
9 organized or operated as a unit which is related in location, size,

1 and type of shop to the trade area that the unit serves, which
2 provides not less than 50,000 square feet of gross leasable retail
3 space, and which provides 5 private off-street parking spaces for
4 each 1,000 square feet of gross leasable retail space.

5 (ii) The applicant or licensee maintains a minimum inventory on
6 the premises, excluding alcoholic liquor and motor vehicle fuel, of
7 not less than \$250,000.00, at cost, of those goods and services
8 customarily marketed by approved types of businesses.

9 (b) The site of payment and selection of alcoholic liquor is
10 not less than 50 feet from that point where motor vehicle fuel is
11 dispensed.

12 (2) The commission shall not prohibit an applicant for or the
13 holder of a specially designated distributor license or specially
14 designated merchant license from owning or operating motor vehicle
15 fuel pumps on or adjacent to the licensed premises, if all of the
16 following conditions are met:

17 (a) The applicant is located in a township with a population
18 of 7,000 or less, which township is not contiguous with any other
19 township. For purposes of this subdivision, a township is not
20 considered contiguous by water.

21 (b) The applicant or licensee maintains a minimum inventory on
22 the premises, excluding alcoholic liquor and motor vehicle fuel, of
23 not less than \$12,500.00 at cost, of those goods and services
24 customarily marketed by approved types of businesses.

25 (c) The applicant has the approval of the township, as
26 evidenced by a resolution duly adopted by the township and
27 submitted with the application to the commission.

1 (3) The commission shall not prohibit an applicant for or the
2 holder of a specially designated merchant license from owning or
3 operating motor vehicle fuel pumps on or adjacent to the licensed
4 premises if both of the following conditions are met:

5 (a) The applicant or licensee is located in either of the
6 following:

7 (i) A city, incorporated village, or township with a population
8 of 3,500 or less and a county with a population of 31,000 or more.

9 (ii) A city, incorporated village, or township with a
10 population of 4,000 or less and a county with a population of less
11 than 31,000.

12 (b) The applicant or licensee maintains a minimum inventory on
13 the premises, excluding alcoholic liquor and motor vehicle fuel, of
14 not less than \$10,000.00, at cost, of those goods and services
15 customarily marketed by approved types of businesses.

16 (4) The commission shall not prohibit an applicant for or the
17 holder of a specially designated distributor license from owning or
18 operating motor vehicle fuel pumps on or adjacent to the licensed
19 premises if both of the following conditions are met:

20 (a) The applicant or licensee is located in either of the
21 following:

22 (i) A city, incorporated village, or township with a population
23 of ~~3,000~~**3,500** or less and a county with a population of 31,000 or
24 more.

25 (ii) A city, incorporated village, or township with a
26 population of ~~3,500~~**4,000** or less and a county with a population of
27 less than 31,000.

1 (b) The applicant or licensee maintains a minimum inventory on
2 the premises, excluding alcoholic liquor and motor vehicle fuel, of
3 not less than \$12,500.00, at cost, of those goods and services
4 customarily marketed by approved types of businesses.

5 (5) A person who was issued a specially designated merchant
6 license or specially designated distributor license at a location
7 at which another person owned, operated or maintained motor vehicle
8 fuel pumps at the same location may have or acquire an interest in
9 the ownership, operation or maintenance of those motor vehicle fuel
10 pumps.

11 (6) The commission may transfer ownership of a specially
12 designated merchant license or specially designated distributor
13 license to a person who owns or is acquiring an interest in motor
14 vehicle fuel pumps already in operation at the same location at
15 which the license is issued.