

Legislative Analysis



LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WMU-GRAND RAPIDS

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House Bill 5153

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Jones

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5153 AS INTRODUCED 6-25-09

The bill would allow the downtown Grand Rapids campus of Western Michigan University to be eligible for an on-premise liquor license.

In general, the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) cannot issue a liquor license of on-premise consumption to an establishment located on state-owned land, though there are some exceptions. One exception is for conference centers operated by a governing board of a college or university. Certain restrictions apply, such as a prohibition on selling liquor to unscheduled patrons or at unscheduled events. Under Section 525 of the Liquor Control Code, conference center licenses are subject to an annual \$600 license fee.

House Bill 5153 would amend the Liquor Control Code to include as a conference center eligible for an on-premise liquor license, the WMU downtown Grand Rapids campus.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase liquor license revenue by \$600. Of this amount, 41.5% (\$249) would be retained by the LCC for licensing and enforcement, 55% (\$300) would be returned to the local government for enforcement of liquor laws, and 3.5% (\$21) would be used for alcohol abuse prevention programs.

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