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PROHIBIT MINORS FROM BEING WITHIN 10 FEET OF BARS

House Bill 6019

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Committee: Regulatory Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6019 AS INTRODUCED 9-10-96

The Michigan Liquor Control Act defines a "bar" as being "a barrier or counter at which any alcoholic liquor is sold or served to customers or consumed by customers." The bill would amend the act to prohibit a parent, legal guardian, or person charged with the responsibility or custody of a minor from knowingly allowing the minor to be within 10 feet or less of a bar. A person found guilty of violating the bill's prohibition would be guilty of a misdemeanor. (Note: Under the Michigan Penal Code [MCL 750.504], when no other punishment is specifically prescribed by statute, a misdemeanor conviction is punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of up to \$100, or both.)

A sign approved and furnished by the Liquor Control Commission that described the prohibition and its penalties for violations would have to be conspicuously placed in each room where a bar is located. The bill's provisions would not apply to tables or booths where alcohol was being served in a licensed establishment or to a minor being within 10 feet of a bar that was not serving alcohol at the time.

MCL 436.1 et al.

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