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Senate Bill 302 (as introduced 4-28-15)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to do the following:

- Prohibit nudity in or on the premises of an on-premises liquor licensee.**
- Prohibit an on-premises licensee from allowing the showing of depicted scenes of nudity in or on the licensed premises.**
- Specify the purpose of the bill and include a statement of intent.**

The bill would not apply to an exhibition or performance in a theater, concert hall, art center, museum, or similar establishment that was primarily devoted to the arts or theatrical performances.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

Nudity on Licensed Premises

The bill would prohibit an on-premises licensee from allowing in or on the licensed premises an individual who exposed to public view the pubic region, anus, or genitals or who displayed other types of nudity prohibited by law or local ordinance.

An on-premises licensee also could not allow in or on the licensed premises the showing of films, television, slides, or other electronic reproductions that depicted scenes in which any individual exposed to public view the pubic region, anus, or genitals or displayed other types of nudity prohibited by law or local ordinance. This prohibition would not apply to a publicly broadcast television transmission from a federally licensed station.

Purpose & Intent

The bill specifies that its purpose is "to regulate alcoholic beverage traffic within adult-oriented businesses that are licensed to sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of this state and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious secondary effects of adult-oriented businesses within this state".

The bill further states that it "is not intended to, nor shall it be interpreted to, impose a limitation or restriction on the content of, or reasonable access to, any communicative materials including adult-oriented materials, to restrict or deny access by adults to adult-oriented materials protected by amendment I of the constitution of the United States, to deny access by the distributors and exhibitors of adult-oriented entertainment to their intended market, or to condone or legitimize the distribution of obscene material".

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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