

# Legislative Analysis



## WINERY: ALLOW SALES OF NONALCOHOLIC DRINKS

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**House Bill 5606 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Jim Lilly**  
**Committee: Regulatory Reform**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5606 would amend the Michigan Liquor Control Code to allow a wine maker to sell nonalcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises where the wine maker is licensed. The nonalcoholic beverages allowed to be sold would include, but not be limited to, bottled water.

Under the Code, a wine maker may offer samples (for free or for a small charge) or sell its wine by the glass on the winery premises. The wine maker may also conduct wine tastings off the winery premises under a permit from the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) and may charge a small amount for the wine samples, but may not sell wine by the glass at the tasting locations. The wine maker may also sell bottles of its wine at any of the licensed premises for consumption off the premises.<sup>1</sup>

The bill would allow the sale of bottled water and other nonalcoholic beverages on the winery's licensed premises and would allow those products to be consumed on or off the licensed premises. Though wineries offer tastings at off-site locations under a permit process, the tasting locations are considered to be licensed premises by the LCC; presumably, a wine maker would be able to sell nonalcoholic beverages at its tasting locations under the bill, as well.

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5606 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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<sup>1</sup> Michigan Liquor Control Commission. *Michigan Wine Maker & Small Wine Maker Requirements and General Information*. Revised 6/2017. [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Winemaker-rev-11-11\\_368820\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Winemaker-rev-11-11_368820_7.pdf)