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More Than 100 Businesses Holding a Liquor License Pass Controlled Buys

Lansing, MI (November 12, 2009)—More than 100 Michigan liquor licensees passed controlled buys in September as part of controlled buy sting operations by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) and law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies are not required to report passed decoy operations, however some have voluntarily reported the 108 businesses listed below for recognition by the MLCC.

Under Michigan law all licensees have an equal chance of being randomly selected for a minor decoy compliance check. A business can also be selected for a compliance check if there is a documented complaint of sales to minors.

"This is our way of patting our licensees on the back for a job well done," said Nida Samona, Chairperson of the MLCC. "The licensee or clerk should always check the identification of a person who appears less than 40 years old. One of our concerns is the use of false ID, which has become a serious problem for the MLCC, retail licensees and their employees. Minors attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages sometimes use IDs that are altered, counterfeit, or belong to someone else."

The Commission and law enforcement agencies perform the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state. The MLCC tests about 2,000 licensed establishments each year.

Businesses that passed:

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| Yukon Inn, Paradise | Walmart Store, Kalamazoo | Meijer, Grandville |
| Mickey's Bar, DeWitt | Sprinkle Mart, Kalamazoo | H & H Party Store, Wyoming |
| The Rock Mini Mart, Davison | Harding's Friendly Market, Richland | J & R Supermarket, Wyoming (2) |
| Zip's Party Store, Davison | Main Street Pub III, Kalamazoo | ABC Liquor Party Store, Wyoming |
| Oak Street Market, Davison | Ziggy's Party Store, Kalamazoo | Galewood Food Store, Wyoming |
| VG's Food & Pharmacy, Davison | Wilson Party Store, Grandville | Clyde Park Foods, Wyoming |
| 7-Eleven, Davison | Lake Street Station, Sand Lake | Harry's Corner, Wyoming |
| Little Caesars Pizza, Davison | Steve De Young's Big Top Market, Sand Lake | Aldi, Wyoming |
| Meijer #224, Davison | Meijer, Grand Rapids | Costco, Wyoming |
| Big R's Pump & Party, Beaverton | Pfeffer's Pharmacy, Wyoming | Twenty Eighth Street Party Store, Wyoming |
| Fruchey Foods, Beaverton | Meijer, Wyoming | Mel's Party Store, Grandville |
| Beacon & Bridge Market, Gladwin | Rite-Aid Discount Pharmacy, Cedar Springs | Family Fare, Wyoming |
| The Rivers Market, Gladwin | Super Mercado Mexico, Wyoming | Family Fare, Grandville |
| JP's Pizza, Beaverton | Gordy's Supermarket, Wyoming | Grand Valley Party Store, Grandville |
| Toutant's General Store, Gladwin | Burton Quick Stop II, Wyoming | R&S Party Store, Wyoming |
| Sandy's Market, Beaverton | 7-Eleven, Wyoming | CVS Pharmacy #7549, Wyoming |
| Family Market, Gladwin | Family Fare Supermarket, Cedar Springs (2) | Walmart, Grandville |
| Lakeshore Marina, Gladwin | The Bottle House, Grand Rapids | Supermercado Guanajuato, Wyoming |
| Mark's Watershed, Haslett | Speedway, Wyoming (3) | CVS Pharmacy #8290, Wyoming |
| Outback Steak House, Okemos | 44 th Street Market, Wyoming | Little Pena's, Wyoming |
| Chili's Grill & Bar, Okemos | Duthlers Family Foods, Wyoming | CVS Pharmacy #8306, Wyoming |
| Tim's Market, Michigan Center | Cost Plus World Market, Grandville | Pickelman's Petro, Newberry |
| Leoni Party Store, Jackson | KB's Oriental Market, Wyoming | Connie's Helmer Market, McMillan |
| Ferg's Parma Pub, Parma | Waalke's Food Market, Wyoming | |

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Hilltop Shell, Newberry
Bear Den, McMillan
Holiday Gas Station, Newberry
Newberry Mobile Mart, Newberry
Minute Stop Food, Roseville
Riverrock, Big Rapids
Twin Lakes Market, Sanford
Edenville, Edenville
Sanford Lake Marina, Sanford

Northern Market and Party Store, Midland
Fremont Party Station, Fremont
Sportsman's Bar, Newaygo
Kellys Pub, Fremont
Mr. Joe's 12 Hi Bar, Southfield
Bar Star, Southgate
Beer Cooler, Southgate
Wine Town Party Store, Southgate
7-Eleven Food Store, Southgate

Malarkey's Pub, Southgate
1-Stop Food Stores, Southgate
Southtown Market, Southgate
Cloverleaf Bar, Southgate
Snooker's Pool & Pub, Southgate
J & H Family Stores, Wyoming
Ruby Tuesday, Okemos
The Crazy Cowboy, Jackson

"The licensee may be able to deter the use of false ID by informing minors that an attempt to purchase liquor by using false ID is a misdemeanor and is punishable by imprisonment up to 93 days and/or a fine of up to \$100," said Samona.

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