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SENATE BILL 21-082

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE**
102 **LICENSE HOLDERS TO HOLD FESTIVALS FOR ALCOHOL**
103 **BEVERAGE RETAIL ACTIVITY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
104 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, a limited winery or a wine manufacturer may obtain a permit to hold up to 9 wine festivals in 12 months, with each festival lasting no longer than 72 hours. Other limited wineries and wine

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manufacturers may participate in the wine festival. Wine tastings and retail sales are conducted at a wine festival.

The bill authorizes the following to also hold festivals where they can conduct joint tastings and engage in any retail operations authorized by their licenses or permits:

- A retail liquor store licensee;
- A beer and wine licensee;
- A hotel and restaurant licensee;
- A tavern licensee;
- A retail gaming tavern licensee;
- A brew pub licensee;
- An arts licensee;
- A vintner's restaurant licensee;
- A distillery pub licensee;
- A winery or limited winery operating a sales room;
- A spirits manufacturer operating a sales room; and
- A beer manufacturer operating a sales room.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-301, **amend**
3 (3)(a) as follows:

4 **44-3-301. Licensing in general.** (3)(a) Each license issued under
5 this article 3 and article 4 of this title 44 is separate and distinct. It is
6 unlawful for any person to exercise any of the privileges granted under
7 any license other than the license the person holds or for any licensee to
8 allow any other person to exercise the privileges granted under the
9 licensee's license, except as provided in section 44-3-402 (3), 44-3-403
10 (2)(a), 44-3-404, or 44-3-417(1)(b). A separate license must be issued for
11 each specific business or business entity and each geographic location,
12 and in the license the particular alcohol beverages the applicant is
13 authorized to manufacture or sell must be named and described. For
14 purposes of this section, a resort complex with common ownership, a
15 campus liquor complex, a hotel and restaurant licensee with optional
16 premises, an optional premises licensee for optional premises located on

1 an outdoor sports and recreational facility, and a ~~wine~~ festival at which
2 more than one licensee participates pursuant to a ~~wine~~ festival permit is
3 considered a single business and location.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-404, **amend** (1),
5 (2), (4) introductory portion, (5), (6), and (7); and **add** (9) as follows:

6 **44-3-404. Festival permit.** (1) (a) A ~~wine~~ PERSON LISTED IN
7 SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A festival permit application
8 ~~may be filed~~ with the state licensing authority. ~~by any limited winery~~
9 ~~licensee or by any manufacturer licensee that is licensed to manufacture~~
10 ~~vinous liquors~~. The applicant ~~shall~~ MUST:

11 (I) Specify the licensed premises for the first of the ~~wine~~ festivals
12 to be held; ~~which application shall be filed~~

13 (II) FILE THE APPLICATION at least ten business days before the
14 festival is to be held; ~~The applicant shall~~ AND

15 (III) Include a twenty-five dollar annual processing fee with the
16 application filed with the state licensing authority.

17 (b) (I) A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY CREATE A LOCAL
18 PERMIT FOR FESTIVALS; EXCEPT THAT A LIMITED WINERY LICENSEE OR
19 WINERY LICENSEE NEED NOT OBTAIN A LOCAL PERMIT TO PARTICIPATE IN
20 OR HOLD A FESTIVAL. IF A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY DOES NOT CREATE
21 A LOCAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b), AN APPLICANT NEED NOT
22 OBTAIN A LOCAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) TO CONDUCT
23 FESTIVALS.

24 (II) IF A LICENSEE IS APPLYING FOR BOTH A FESTIVAL PERMIT AND
25 A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE
26 44, THE LICENSEE NEED NOT APPLY FOR ANY LOCAL PERMIT ESTABLISHED
27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (b) (c) Such fee shall entitle the permittee to use the wine festival
2 permit for twelve months after the date of issuance, so long as the
3 permittee notifies the state licensing authority and the appropriate local
4 licensing authority of the location of all other wine festivals under this
5 permit at least ten business days before any such festival is to be held. A
6 wine festival permit shall entitle the permittee to hold no more than nine
7 wine festivals during the twelve-month period IF A FESTIVAL PERMITTEE
8 NOTIFIES THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AND THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL
9 LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE LOCATION OF AND DATES OF EACH FESTIVAL
10 AT LEAST TEN BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE HOLDING THE FESTIVAL, THE
11 PERMITTEE MAY HOLD UP TO, BUT NO MORE THAN, NINE FESTIVALS DURING
12 THE TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE FESTIVAL PERMIT IS ISSUED.

13 (2) The applicant shall be the licensee filing the application, but
14 any wine festival permit that is issued as a result of such application shall
15 be considered to be jointly held by the permittee and the participating
16 limited winery licensees or manufacturer licensees that are licensed to
17 manufacture vinous liquors THE LICENSEE THAT HOLDS THE FESTIVAL
18 MUST FILE THE APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT, BUT OTHER LICENSEES MAY
19 JOINTLY PARTICIPATE UNDER THE PERMIT ISSUED TO THE LICENSEE THAT
20 APPLIED FOR THE PERMIT.

21 (4) The state licensing authority may deny a wine festival permit
22 or supplemental application for any of the following reasons:

23 (5) After the issuance of an initial wine festival permit, all
24 supplemental applications that are complete and filed in a timely manner
25 shall be ARE deemed approved unless the state licensing authority
26 provides the permittee with a notice of denial at least seventy-two hours
27 prior to the date of the event.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-5-103, amend
25 (1)(b) as follows:

26 **44-5-103. Grounds for issuance of special permits.** (1) (b) If a
27 violation of this article 5 or article 3 of this title 44 occurs during a special

1 event ~~wine~~ festival and the responsible licensee can be identified, ~~such~~
2 THE STATE OR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY CHARGE AND IMPOSE
3 APPROPRIATE PENALTIES ON THE licensee. ~~may be charged and the~~
4 ~~appropriate penalties may apply.~~ If the responsible licensee cannot be
5 identified, the state licensing authority may send written notice to every
6 licensee identified on the permit applications and may fine each the same
7 dollar amount. The fine shall not exceed twenty-five dollars per licensee
8 or two hundred dollars in the aggregate. ~~No~~ A joint fine levied pursuant
9 to this subsection (1)(b) ~~shall~~ DOES NOT apply to the revocation of a
10 ~~limited wineries~~ LICENSEE'S license under section 44-3-601.

11 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal
12 year, \$511,210 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This
13 appropriation is from the liquor enforcement division and state licensing
14 authority cash fund created in section 44-6-101, C.R.S. To implement this
15 act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

16 (a) \$10,634 for use by the executive director's office for the
17 purchase of legal services;

18 (b) \$35,370 for use by the executive director's office for vehicle
19 lease payments;

20 (c) \$363,038 for use by the liquor and tobacco enforcement
21 division for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption
22 that the division will require an additional 6.2 FTE; and

23 (d) \$102,168 for use by the liquor and tobacco enforcement
24 division for operating expenses.

25 (2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$10,634 is appropriated to
26 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds
27 received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(a) of this

1 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will
2 require an additional 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the department of
3 law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the
4 department of revenue.

5 (3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$35,370 is appropriated to
6 the department of personnel. This appropriation is from reappropriated
7 funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(b)
8 of this section. To implement this act, the department of personnel may
9 use this appropriation for vehicle replacement lease/purchase.

10 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
13 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
14 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
15 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
16 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.