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SENATE BILL 25-132

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR MANUFACTURER'S AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT TASTINGS.

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 licensed manufacturer of spirituous liquor (manufacturer) may conduct tastings of the manufacturer's own spirituous liquors at the manufacturer's licensed premises or at one other approved sales room location. The bill authorizes the manufacturer to also conduct tastings:

• Of other alcohol beverages acquired from a wholesaler

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licensed in the state; and

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• At up to 5 approved sales room locations.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-402, amend 3 (7)(a) as follows: 4 44-3-402. Manufacturer's license - rules. (7) (a) (I) (A) A 5 manufacturer of spirituous liquors licensed pursuant to this section may 6 conduct tastings and sell to customers spirituous liquors of its own 7 manufacture on its THE MANUFACTURER'S licensed premises and at one UP 8 TO <u>TWO</u> other approved sales room location LOCATIONS at no additional 9 cost. A sales room location may be included in the license at the time of 10 the original license issuance or by supplemental application. If the 11 licensed premises includes multiple noncontiguous locations, the 12 manufacturer may operate a sales room on only one UP TO TWO of those 13 noncontiguous locations. 14 A MANUFACTURER OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS LICENSED 15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THAT CONDUCTS TASTINGS PURSUANT TO THIS 16 SUBSECTION (7) MAY APPLY TO THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR A 17 PERMIT TO SERVE AND SELL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ACQUIRED FROM 18 WHOLESALERS LICENSED IN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-3-407 19 AT THE MANUFACTURER'S LICENSED PREMISES OR AT AN APPROVED SALES 20 ROOM. THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY DETERMINE THE FORM AND 21 MANNER OF A PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS 22 SUBSECTION (7)(a)(I)(B). IF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY APPROVES 23 A PERMIT APPLICATION FILED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7)(a)(I)(B): 24 THE MANUFACTURER OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS SHALL HAVE SANDWICHES 25 AND LIGHT SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES, BUT

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1	NEED NOT HAVE MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMPTION, AND THE SALES
2	PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ACQUIRED FROM
3	WHOLESALERS MUST NOT EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE
4	MANUFACTURER'S TOTAL PROCEEDS FROM ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SALES.
5	(C) A COPY OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION FILED PURSUANT TO
6	SUBSECTION (7)(a)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE POSTED IN A
7	CONSPICUOUS PLACE AT THE LOCATION THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE
8	PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS, AND PUBLISHED ONCE
9	IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY WITH
10	JURISDICTION OVER THE LOCATION, BEFORE THE STATE LICENSING
11	AUTHORITY DETERMINES WHETHER TO ISSUE THE PERMIT. IF THE STATE
12	LICENSING AUTHORITY ISSUES THE PERMIT, THE ISSUED PERMIT SHALL BE
13	DISPLAYED WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE AT THE LOCATION THAT
14	IS THE SUBJECT OF THE ISSUED PERMIT.
15	(II) A manufacturer of spirituous liquors licensed pursuant to this
16	section that operates a sales room may purchase and use common alcohol
17	modifiers, including vermouth, amaros, and liqueurs, to combine with
18	spirituous liquors to produce cocktails for consumption on or off the sales
19	room premises. A manufacturer that uses an alcohol modifier pursuant to
20	this subsection (7)(a)(II) shall combine the modifier with a spirituous
21	liquor. produced by the manufacturer. A manufacturer shall not sell an
22	alcohol modifier that has not been combined with a spiritous liquor. The
23	state licensing authority may adopt rules necessary to implement and
24	administer this subsection (7)(a)(II).
25	SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
26	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

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- that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
- of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
- act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
- 4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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