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**REENGROSSED**

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**HOUSE BILL 21-1296**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS PERTAINING**  
102         **TO LIMITED GAMING, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103         **ALLOWING LICENSE APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS**  
104         **AFTER THE INITIAL SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION,**  
105         **ELIMINATING THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF**  
106         **PLAYERS PERMITTED IN THE GAME OF BLACKJACK, AND**  
107         **ALLOWING A CASINO OPERATOR TO DIVIDE ITS LAWFUL GAMING**  
108         **SPACE INTO MORE THAN TWO NONCONTIGUOUS SPACES.**

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**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*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 18, 2021

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 17, 2021

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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By executive order, to allow for social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Governor Polis:

- Suspended the operation of statutes prohibiting more than 7 players in the game of blackjack;
- Suspended the operation of statutes limiting a casino operator to 2 noncontiguous gaming areas within the casino; and
- Eliminated the requirement that an applicant for a limited gaming or sports betting license submit fingerprints simultaneously with the license application for purposes of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal history record check, instead allowing the applicant to submit fingerprints as a supplement to the application.

The bill codifies all 3 of these changes.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-103, **amend**  
3           (6) as follows:

4           **44-30-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 30, unless the  
5           context otherwise requires:

6           (6) "Blackjack" means a banking card game commonly known as  
7           "21" or "blackjack" ~~played by a maximum of seven players in which each~~  
8           player bets against the dealer. The object is to draw cards whose value  
9           will equal or approach twenty-one without exceeding that amount and  
10          win amounts bet, payable by the dealer, if the player holds cards more  
11          valuable than the dealer's cards.

12           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-508, **amend**  
13          (3) as follows:

14           **44-30-508. Licensed premises - retail floor plan - definition.**

15          (3) A licensed retailer may change the physical location of the licensed  
16          premises with the approval of the commission, the director, or the

1 director's designee. ~~however, in no event shall the licensed premises as~~  
2 ~~modified violate any provision of this article 30 or consist of more than~~  
3 ~~two noncontiguous areas on one floor.~~ Failure of the commission, the  
4 director, or the director's designee to deny an application to relocate the  
5 licensed premises in a building, within thirty days of the application, shall  
6 be deemed an approval thereof.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-510, **amend**  
8 (3)(a) as follows:

9 **44-30-510. Applicants and licensees - providing information**  
10 **- criminal history record check.** (3) (a) ~~With the submission of OR AS~~  
11 A SUPPLEMENT TO an application for a license or an application for a  
12 finding of suitability pursuant to this article 30, each applicant shall  
13 submit a set of fingerprints to the commission. The commission shall  
14 forward the fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the  
15 purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal  
16 history record check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of  
17 investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. ~~THE COMMISSION~~  
18 ~~SHALL NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE APPLICATION BEFORE RECEIVING~~  
19 ~~THE RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD~~  
20 ~~CHECK.~~

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-1504, **amend**  
22 (7)(a) as follows:

23 **44-30-1504. Disclosure of information by corporate applicants**  
24 **- license required - investigation - criminal history record check -**  
25 **rules - definition.** (7) (a) Each applicant for a sports betting license, with  
26 ~~the submission of OR AS A SUPPLEMENT TO the application, shall submit~~  
27 a set of fingerprints to the division. The division shall forward the

1       fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the purpose of  
2       conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record  
3       check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the  
4       federal bureau of investigation. Only the actual costs of the record check  
5       shall be borne by the applicant. Nothing in this subsection (7) precludes  
6       the division from making further inquiries into the background of the  
7       applicant.

8                   **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9       determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10      preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.