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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES IN THE REGULATED**
102 **MARIJUANA BUSINESS.**

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>.)

The bill creates an accelerator hospitality business license, accelerator transporter license, and accelerator retail deliverer permittee for social equity licensees qualified to participate in the accelerator program.

The bill requires the department of revenue to provide an annual report to the finance committees of the house of representatives and the

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senate concerning active social equity licenses, any recommendations for new social equity licenses and permits, and any recommendations for new or innovating funding sources for the social equity licensees or permittees.

Effective January 2, 2024, the bill amends the eligibility requirements for a person to qualify as a social equity licensee. The bill clarifies that the new eligibility requirements only apply to social equity licensee applications received on or after January 2, 2024, or to the reinstatement or reactivation of social equity licenses originally issued before January 2, 2024. The new eligibility requirements do not apply to the renewal of social equity licenses applied for or issued before January 2, 2024.

The bill authorizes a social equity licensee who satisfies the eligibility requirements effective January 2, 2024, with a retail marijuana transporter licensee and a retail marijuana delivery permit or an accelerator retail deliverer permit, to exercise the privileges of a retail marijuana store license without needing to obtain a retail marijuana store license or accelerator store license.

The bill requires the department of revenue to create incentives for social equity licensees and accelerator-endorsed licensees, including reducing or waiving fees.

The bill creates, in the office of economic development, a grant committee that is responsible for reviewing grant applications, selecting grant recipients, and determining grant awards that are issued pursuant to an existing grant program for supporting entrepreneurs in the marijuana industry.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-103, **amend**
3 (2) and (65); and **add** (1.5), (2.5), (4.3), and (4.7) as follows:

4 **44-10-103. Rules - definitions.** As used in this article 10, unless
5 the context otherwise requires:

6 (1.5) "ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS" MEANS A SOCIAL
7 EQUITY LICENSEE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCELERATOR
8 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10 AND AUTHORIZED
9 PURSUANT TO RULE TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A MARIJUANA
10 HOSPITALITY BUSINESS ON THE PREMISES OF AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED

1 MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE.

2 (2) "Accelerator-endorsed licensee" means a retail marijuana
3 cultivation facility licensee, retail marijuana products manufacturer
4 licensee, or retail marijuana store, MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS
5 LICENSEE, OR RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE who has,
6 pursuant to rule, been endorsed to host and offer technical and capital
7 support to a social equity licensee pursuant to the requirements of the
8 accelerator program established pursuant to this article 10.

9 (2.5) "ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED PERMITTEE" MEANS AN
10 ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE
11 WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT PURSUANT
12 TO SECTION 44-10-605 (5), AND WHO HAS, PURSUANT TO RULE, BEEN
13 ENDORSED TO HOST AND OFFER TECHNICAL AND CAPITAL SUPPORT TO A
14 SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE
15 ACCELERATOR PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10.

16 (4.3) "ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER" MEANS A SOCIAL EQUITY
17 LICENSEE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM
18 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10 AND AUTHORIZED PURSUANT
19 TO RULE TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA
20 TRANSPORTER ON THE PREMISES OF AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL
21 MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZED
22 PURSUANT TO RULE TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA
23 DELIVERY PERMIT THROUGH AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED PERMITTEE
24 ISSUED TO AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA
25 TRANSPORTER LICENSEE. AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER WHO IS A
26 SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-308 (5) IS
27 AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE

1 LICENSE WITHOUT NEEDING TO OBTAIN A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE
2 LICENSE OR ACCELERATOR STORE LICENSE.

3 (4.7) "ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER" MEANS A SOCIAL EQUITY
4 LICENSEE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM
5 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10 AND AUTHORIZED PURSUANT
6 TO RULE TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA
7 TRANSPORTER ON THE PREMISES OF AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL
8 MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE.

9 (65) "Retail marijuana transporter" means an entity or person
10 licensed to transport retail marijuana and retail marijuana products from
11 one retail marijuana business to another retail marijuana business and to
12 temporarily store the transported retail marijuana and retail marijuana
13 products at its licensed premises, but not authorized to sell retail
14 marijuana or retail marijuana products under any circumstances; EXCEPT
15 THAT IF THE ENTITY OR PERSON IS A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE PURSUANT
16 TO SECTION 44-10-308 (5) WITH A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER
17 LICENSE AND RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT, THE PERSON OR
18 ENTITY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL
19 MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE WITHOUT NEEDING TO OBTAIN A RETAIL
20 MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-104, amend
22 (2)(a) as follows:

23 **44-10-104. Applicability - medical marijuana - retail**
24 **marijuana.** (2) (a) A person applying for licensure pursuant to this
25 article 10 must complete forms as provided by the state licensing
26 authority and must pay the application fee and the licensing fee, which
27 must be credited to the marijuana cash fund established pursuant to

1 section 44-10-801. The state licensing authority shall forward, within
2 seven days, one-half of the retail marijuana business license application
3 fee to the local jurisdiction unless the application is for an accelerator
4 cultivator, accelerator manufacturer, ~~or~~ accelerator store, ACCELERATOR
5 HOSPITALITY BUSINESS, OR ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER license, OR AN
6 ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER PERMIT, or unless the local jurisdiction
7 has prohibited the operation of retail marijuana businesses pursuant to
8 section 16 (5)(f) of article XVIII of the state constitution. If the license is
9 denied, the state licensing authority shall refund the licensing fee to the
10 applicant.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-10-207 as
12 follows:

13 **44-10-207. Social equity report.** (1) BY JANUARY 31, 2025, AND
14 BY JANUARY 31 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE STATE LICENSING
15 AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY
16 LICENSES AND PERMITS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. AT
18 A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

19 (a) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES AND
20 PERMITS;

21 (b) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES AND
22 PERMITS THAT ARE OPERATIONAL;

23 (c) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES AND PERMITS
24 THAT ARE ENDORSED BY EACH ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED LICENSE TYPE
25 AND ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED PERMIT TYPE;

26 (d) THE INCENTIVES AND ANY ASSOCIATED CRITERIA DEVELOPED
27 BY THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-308

1 (7);

2 (e) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE OR
3 PERMIT TYPES; AND

4 (f) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW OR INNOVATIVE FUNDING
5 SOURCES FOR THE SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM.

6 (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL CONVENE A WORKING
7 GROUP OF PERSONS INTERESTED IN SOCIAL EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES AND
8 THE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10
9 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO
10 SUBSECTIONS (1)(e) AND (1)(f) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
12 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
13 SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

14 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-308, **amend**
15 (4) introductory portion and (5); and **add** (4)(e), (6), and (7) as follows:

16 **44-10-308. Business and owner requirements - legislative**
17 **declaration - definition.** (4) Effective January 1, 2021, THROUGH
18 JANUARY 1, 2024, a person who qualifies as a social equity licensee may
19 apply for any regulated marijuana business license or permit, including
20 but not limited to accelerator store, accelerator cultivator, and accelerator
21 manufacturer licenses, issued pursuant to this article 10. A person
22 qualifies as a social equity licensee if such person meets the following
23 criteria, in addition to any criteria established by rule of the state licensing
24 authority:

25 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (4) APPLIES TO SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE
26 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2024, AND TO THE RENEWAL
27 OF A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE APPLIED FOR OR ISSUED BEFORE JANUARY 2,

1 2024. THIS SUBSECTION (4) DOES NOT APPLY TO REINSTATEMENT OR
2 REACTIVATION OF SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR OR
3 ISSUED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2024, OR FOR SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES
4 APPLIED FOR OR ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 2, 2024.

5 ~~(5) A person who meets the criteria in this section for a social~~
6 ~~equity licensee, pursuant to rule and agency discretion, may be eligible for~~
7 ~~incentives available through the department of revenue or office of~~
8 ~~economic development and international trade, including but not limited~~
9 ~~to a reduction in application or license fees.~~ EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2, 2024,
10 A PERSON WHO QUALIFIES AS A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE MAY APPLY FOR
11 ANY REGULATED MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSE OR PERMIT, INCLUDING
12 BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACCELERATOR STORE, ACCELERATOR CULTIVATOR,
13 ACCELERATOR MANUFACTURER, ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS, OR
14 ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSES, OR AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL
15 DELIVERER PERMIT, ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10. A PERSON
16 QUALIFIES AS A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE IF SUCH PERSON MEETS THE
17 FOLLOWING CRITERIA, IN ADDITION TO ANY CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY
18 RULE OF THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY:

19 (a) IS A COLORADO RESIDENT;
20 (b) HAS NOT BEEN THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF A LICENSE SUBJECT
21 TO DISCIPLINARY OR LEGAL ACTION FROM THE STATE RESULTING IN THE
22 REVOCATION OF A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10; AND
23 (c) HAS DEMONSTRATED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
24 (I) THE APPLICANT HAS RESIDED FOR AT LEAST ANY TEN OF THE
25 THIRTY YEARS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION:
26 (A) IN A CENSUS TRACT DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC
27 DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS AN OPPORTUNITY ZONE OR

1 DESIGNATED AS A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTED AREA AS DEFINED BY
2 RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-203 (1)(j);

3 (B) IN HOUSING WITH FUNDING PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION
4 8 OR 9 OF THE FEDERAL "UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937", AS
5 AMENDED, 42 U.S.C. SECS. 1437f AND 1437g; OR

6 (C) IN HOUSING WITH FUNDING FROM FEDERAL LOW-INCOME
7 HOUSING TAX CREDITS, COLORADO AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDITS,
8 OR FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PROGRAM
9 THAT RESTRICTS MAXIMUM RENTS FOR PERSONS OF LOW OR MODERATE
10 INCOME THAT IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO A USE RESTRICTION THAT IS
11 MONITORED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE
12 STATE GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, OR A MUNICIPAL
13 GOVERNMENT, OR BY ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR DESIGNATED
14 AGENCY THEREOF; OR

15 (II) (A) THE APPLICANT OR THE APPLICANT'S SPOUSE WAS
16 CONVICTED OF A MARIJUANA OFFENSE; OR

17 (B) THE APPLICANT OR THE APPLICANT'S PARENT, LEGAL
18 GUARDIAN, SIBLING, CHILD, OR MINOR IN THEIR GUARDIANSHIP WAS
19 ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF A MARIJUANA OFFENSE; AND THE APPLICANT
20 OR THE APPLICANT'S PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, SIBLING, CHILD, OR MINOR
21 IN THEIR GUARDIANSHIP HAS RESIDED IN A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTED
22 AREA AS DEFINED BY RULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-203 (1)(j) FOR
23 THE FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION, OR WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME
24 DID NOT EXCEED SIXTY PERCENT OF THE STATE'S MEDIAN INCOME FOR THE
25 FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION; OR

26 (III) THE APPLICANT HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM AT LEAST
27 ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS FOR AT LEAST ANY FIVE OF THE TEN

1 YEARS PRIOR TO APPLICATION:

2 (A) THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, DESCRIBED
3 IN SECTION 26-2-122.5;

4 (B) THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
5 DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 26;

6 (C) TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES, AS DEFINED IN
7 SECTION 26-2-703 (19);

8 (D) THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR
9 WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN, CREATED PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC.
10 1786; OR

11 (E) THE "COLORADO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACT", PURSUANT TO
12 PART 1 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 25.5.

13 (d) (I) THE SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE, OR COLLECTIVELY ONE OR
14 MORE SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEES, SHALL HOLD AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE
15 PERCENT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF THE REGULATED MARIJUANA
16 BUSINESS LICENSE.

17 (II) (A) IF THE APPLICANT, OR COLLECTIVELY ONE OR MORE
18 APPLICANTS, IS A CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER OR PASSIVE
19 BENEFICIAL OWNER IN THREE OR MORE RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE
20 LICENSES, MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSES, RETAIL MARIJUANA
21 CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES, OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION
22 FACILITY LICENSES, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, THE APPLICANT IS
23 NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE.

24 (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION (5)(d)(II), CO-LOCATED
25 RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSES,
26 CO-LOCATED RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY AND MEDICAL
27 MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITY LICENSES, OR CO-LOCATED

1 MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSES THAT ARE MOBILE
2 CONSTITUTE ONE LICENSE.

3 (6) (a) SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION APPLIES TO NEW SOCIAL
4 EQUITY LICENSEE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 2, 2024,
5 OR TO REINSTATEMENT OR REACTIVATION OF SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES
6 ORIGINALLY ISSUED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2024.

7 (b) SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE
8 RENEWAL OF SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSES APPLIED FOR OR ISSUED BEFORE
9 JANUARY 2, 2024, OR THE RENEWAL OF A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE FIRST
10 ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 2, 2024.

11 (7) A PERSON WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA IN THIS SECTION FOR A
12 SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES AVAILABLE THROUGH
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
14 AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A
15 REDUCTION IN APPLICATION OR LICENSE FEES. THE STATE LICENSING
16 AUTHORITY SHALL PROMULGATE RULES TO CREATE INCENTIVES REQUIRED
17 BY THIS SUBSECTION (7).

18 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-401, **amend**
19 (2)(b)(X); and **add** (2)(b)(XII) and (2)(b)(XIII) as follows:

20 **44-10-401. Classes of licenses.** (2) (b) The following are retail
21 marijuana licenses:

22 (X) Retail marijuana hospitality and sales business license; **and**
23 (XII) ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSE; AND
24 (XIII) ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSE.

25 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-601, **amend**
26 (16) as follows:

27 **44-10-601. Retail marijuana store license - rules - definitions.**

1 (16) A retail marijuana store ~~pursuant to rule and the state licensing~~
2 ~~authority discretion, may be~~ THAT HOSTS AN ACCELERATOR STORE
3 LICENSE IS eligible for incentives available through the department of
4 revenue or the office of economic development and international trade,
5 including but not limited to a reduction in application or license fees.

6 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-602, **amend**
7 (11) as follows:

8 **44-10-602. Retail marijuana cultivation facility license - rules**
9 **- definitions.** (11) A retail marijuana cultivation facility licensee that
10 hosts an accelerator cultivator licensee ~~pursuant to rule and the state~~
11 ~~licensing authority discretion, may be~~ IS eligible for incentives available
12 through the department of revenue or the office of economic development
13 and international trade, including but not limited to a reduction in
14 application or license fees.

15 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-603, **amend**
16 (14) as follows:

17 **44-10-603. Retail marijuana products manufacturer license -**
18 **rules - definition.** (14) A retail marijuana products manufacturer
19 licensee ~~pursuant to rule and the state licensing authority discretion, may~~
20 ~~be~~ THAT HOSTS AN ACCELERATOR MANUFACTURER LICENSE IS eligible for
21 incentives through the department of revenue or the office of economic
22 development and international trade, including but not limited to a
23 reduction in application or license fees.

24 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-605, **add**
25 (5)(k), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), and (12) as follows:

26 **44-10-605. Retail marijuana transporter license - definition.**
27 (5) (k) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SUBSECTION (5), A

1 SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-308 (5) WITH A
2 RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSE AND RETAIL MARIJUANA
3 DELIVERY PERMIT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A
4 RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE WITHOUT NEEDING TO OBTAIN A
5 RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE.

6 (6) AN ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE MAY OPERATE ON
7 THE PREMISES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE IF, BEFORE
8 EACH ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE OPERATES, THE RETAIL
9 MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE HAS ITS PREMISES ENDORSED
10 PURSUANT TO RULE AND EACH ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE IS
11 APPROVED TO OPERATE ON THAT PREMISES.

12 (7) A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE THAT HOSTS AN
13 ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE MAY, PURSUANT TO RULE,
14 PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL
15 ASSISTANCE TO AN ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE OPERATING ON
16 ITS PREMISES.

17 (8) A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE THAT HOSTS AN
18 ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE IS ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES
19 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR THE OFFICE OF
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INCLUDING BUT
21 NOT LIMITED TO A REDUCTION IN APPLICATION OR LICENSE FEES.

22 (9) AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER MAY OPERATE IN
23 CONJUNCTION WITH A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED TO A
24 RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE IF, BEFORE EACH
25 ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER OPERATES, THE RETAIL MARIJUANA
26 TRANSPORTER LICENSEE WITH A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT IS
27 ENDORSED PURSUANT TO RULE AND EACH ACCELERATOR RETAIL

1 DELIVERER IS APPROVED TO OPERATE.

2 (10) IN ADDITION TO EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL
3 MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT, AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER WHO
4 IS A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-308 (5) IS
5 AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE
6 LICENSE WITHOUT NEEDING TO OBTAIN A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE
7 LICENSE OR ACCELERATOR STORE LICENSE.

8 (11) A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE WITH A RETAIL
9 MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT THAT HOSTS AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL
10 DELIVERER MAY, PURSUANT TO RULE, PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND
11 COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO AN ACCELERATOR
12 RETAIL DELIVERER.

13 (12) A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE WITH A RETAIL
14 MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT THAT HOSTS AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL
15 DELIVERER IS ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
17 AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A
18 REDUCTION IN APPLICATION, LICENSE, OR PERMIT FEES.

19 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-609, **add** (5),
20 (6), and (7) as follows:

21 **44-10-609. Marijuana hospitality business license.** (5) AN
22 ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE MAY OPERATE ON THE
23 PREMISES OF A MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE IF, BEFORE
24 EACH ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE OPERATES, THE
25 MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE HAS ITS PREMISES ENDORSED
26 PURSUANT TO RULE AND EACH ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS
27 LICENSEE IS APPROVED TO OPERATE ON THAT PREMISES.

12 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-10-612 as
13 follows:

14 **44-10-612. Retail marijuana accelerator transporter license -**
15 **retail marijuana accelerator delivery permit.** (1) A RETAIL MARIJUANA
16 ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A SOCIAL EQUITY
17 LICENSEE TO EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA
18 TRANSPORTER LICENSEE ON THE PREMISES OF AN
19 ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE.
20 THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER LICENSEE MAY
21 RECEIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE
22 RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE WITH AN ACCELERATOR
23 ENDORSEMENT.

24 (2) A RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER
25 PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED TO A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE TO EXERCISE THE
26 PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT ISSUED TO AN
27 ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE.

1 AN ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER WHO IS A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-10-308 (5) IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE THE
3 PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE WITHOUT NEEDING TO
4 OBTAIN A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE LICENSE OR ACCELERATOR STORE
5 LICENSE. THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER MAY
6 RECEIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE
7 ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSEE
8 WITH A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT.

9 (3) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL BEGIN ACCEPTING
10 APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR TRANSPORTER
11 LICENSES AND RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR RETAIL DELIVERER
12 PERMITS ON JANUARY 2, 2024.

13 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 44-10-613** as
14 follows:

15 **44-10-613. Retail marijuana accelerator hospitality business**
16 **license.** (1) A RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY BUSINESS
17 LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEE TO EXERCISE THE
18 PRIVILEGES OF A RETAIL MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE ON
19 THE PREMISES OF AN ACCELERATOR-ENDORSED RETAIL MARIJUANA
20 HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE. THE RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR
21 HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSEE MAY RECEIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
22 AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE RETAIL MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY
23 BUSINESS LICENSEE WITH AN ACCELERATOR ENDORSEMENT.

24 (2) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL BEGIN ACCEPTING
25 APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL MARIJUANA ACCELERATOR HOSPITALITY
26 BUSINESS LICENSES ON JANUARY 2, 2024.

27 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-48.5-128, **add**

1 (3)(e) as follows:

2 **24-48.5-128. Program - marijuana entrepreneurs - social**
3 **equity licensees - committee - report - marijuana entrepreneur fund**
4 **- creation - legislative declaration - definitions.** (3) **Loans, grants, and**
5 **technical assistance.** (e) (I) THERE IS CREATED IN THE OFFICE THE
6 PROGRAM GRANT COMMITTEE THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING
7 GRANT APPLICATIONS, SELECTING GRANT RECIPIENTS, AND DETERMINING
8 GRANT AWARDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ON OR BEFORE
9 SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE OFFICE DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT THE
10 FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE:

11 (A) FIVE PERSONS WHO OWN A BUSINESS THAT IS CURRENTLY
12 LOCATED AND OPERATING IN COLORADO;

13 (B) FIVE PERSONS WITH EXPERIENCE REPRESENTING MARIJUANA
14 LICENSEES; AND

15 (C) FIVE PERSONS WHO ARE INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

16 (II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
17 COMMITTEE MUST INCLUDE PERSONS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND
18 REFLECT THE RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

19 (III) THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE MUST NOT INCLUDE A
20 LICENSEE, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 44-10-103 (25).

21 (IV) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS AND
22 MAY BE REAPPOINTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM. MEMBERS OF
23 THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE OFFICE DIRECTOR. IF A
24 MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE LEAVES THE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE
25 EXPIRATION OF THE MEMBER'S TERM, THE OFFICE DIRECTOR SHALL
26 APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM.

27 (V) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION

1 OR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

2 **SECTION 14. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
3 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.