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**HOUSE BILL 25-1331**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING MEASURES THAT EXPAND THE VENUES WHEREIN**  
102     **MARIJUANA MAY BE SOLD BY A LICENSE HOLDER.**

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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 <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill authorizes a social equity license holder to deliver regulated marijuana to a hotel located within the city and county of Denver if the license holder has:

- A medical marijuana delivery permit;
- A medical marijuana transporter license;
- A retail marijuana delivery permit; or

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

- A retail marijuana transporter license.

In order for marijuana to be delivered, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- The hotel must be registered with the city and county of Denver to receive deliveries;
- The local jurisdiction must have authorized the delivery of marijuana in accordance with current law;
- The hotel must have authorized the delivery of marijuana to its premises;
- The social equity license holder must not deliver to premises licensed to serve alcohol; and
- The social equity license holder must comply with marijuana law.

The state licensing authority, in coordination with the city and county of Denver, must create a registry of hotels that have authorized the delivery of marijuana to their premises. The state licensing authority may adopt rules necessary for the secure storage and management of deliveries.

The bill authorizes special event permits for the holder of a social equity license and a marijuana hospitality business license. Other retail license holders may partner with a qualified license holder to hold a special event.

The state licensing authority or a local licensing authority may set special event permit fees in an amount that offsets the direct and indirect cost to the state or local licensing authority of implementing the bill.

The marijuana enforcement division (division) or a local licensing authority may deny the issuance of a special event permit upon the grounds that the issuance would be injurious to the public welfare because of the nature of the special event, its location within the community, or the failure of the applicant in a past special event to conduct the event in compliance with applicable laws. Public notice of the proposed permit and the procedures for protesting issuance of the permit must be posted at the proposed location for at least 10 days.

The state licensing authority or a local licensing authority is required to adopt appropriate rules, ordinances, or resolutions for applying for a special event permit and for protesting an application for a special event permit. If an applicant is denied, a hearing must be set. The application must be approved or denied within 90 days after the application is filed. The permit must specify the location and the time when it is valid. A license holder may be issued a permit for no more than 15 days a year.

If a violation occurs during a special event and the responsible license holder cannot be identified, the division may send written notice to every license holder identified on the relevant permit applications and may fine each the same dollar amount, not to exceed \$25 per license

holder or \$200 in the aggregate. A joint fine does not apply to the revocation of a license.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 44-10-402 and 44-10-403 as follows:

**44-10-402. Deliveries to hotels - social equity licenses - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) (I) "HOTEL" MEANS A BUSINESS THAT OFFERS AND PROVIDES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC OVERNIGHT ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS, PRIMARILY TO TRAVELERS OR TRANSIENT INDIVIDUALS.

(II) "HOTEL" INCLUDES A TIME SHARE OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL UNIT THAT IS RENTED OUT TO TRAVELERS OR TRANSIENT INDIVIDUALS PRIMARILY FOR THIRTY OR FEWER DAYS PER TRANSACTION.

(b) "HOTEL ROOM" MEANS THE PORTION OF A HOTEL THAT IS USED TO PROVIDE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION TO TRAVELERS OR TRANSIENT INDIVIDUALS.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTIONS 44-10-501 (11)(f)(VII), 44-10-505 (5)(d)(V), 44-10-601 (13)(f)(V), AND 44-10-605 (5)(d)(V), A LICENSEE MAY DELIVER REGULATED MARIJUANA TO A HOTEL OR HOTEL ROOM THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AND THAT IS NOT USED FOR A PRIVATE RESIDENCE IF THE LICENSEE IS QUALIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION AND SO LONG AS THE LICENSE HOLDER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) TO QUALIFY TO DELIVER REGULATED MARIJUANA UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON MUST:

(a) HOLD A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE; AND

1 (b) HOLD THE FOLLOWING:

2 (I) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT;

3 (II) A MEDICAL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSE;

4 (III) A RETAIL MARIJUANA DELIVERY PERMIT; OR

5 (IV) A RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTER LICENSE.

6 (4) AUTHORIZATION TO DELIVER REGULATED MARIJUANA UNDER

7 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING

8 REQUIREMENTS:

9 (a) THE HOTEL MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY

10 OF DENVER TO RECEIVE DELIVERIES;

11 (b) THE LOCAL JURISDICTION MUST HAVE AUTHORIZED THE

12 DELIVERY OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA OR RETAIL MARIJUANA IN

13 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 44-10-104(3), 44-10-501 (11)(k), 44-10-505

14 (5)(i), 44-10-601 (13)(k), OR 44-10-605 (5)(i);

15 (c) THE HOTEL MUST HAVE AUTHORIZED THE DELIVERY OF

16 REGULATED MARIJUANA TO THE HOTEL PREMISES BY USING THE REGISTRY

17 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION;

18 (d) THE DELIVERY MUST NOT OCCUR ON PREMISES LICENSED TO

19 SERVE ALCOHOL UNDER ARTICLE 3 OR 4 OF THIS TITLE 44; AND

20 (e) THE LICENSEE MUST COMPLY WITH THIS ARTICLE 10 AND THE

21 RULES ADOPTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 10.

22 (5) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL COORDINATE WITH

23 THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

24 TO:

25 (a) CREATE A REGISTRY OF HOTELS THAT HAVE AUTHORIZED THE

26 DELIVERY OF REGULATED MARIJUANA TO THEIR PREMISES;

27 (b) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR HOTELS TO RECORD OR REMOVE

1 THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE REGULATED MARIJUANA DELIVERED TO  
2 THEIR PREMISES; AND

3 (c) MAKE THE REGISTRY AVAILABLE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS TO  
4 EACH LICENSEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (6) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT RULES  
6 NECESSARY FOR THE SECURE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT OF DELIVERIES  
7 AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION.

8 **44-10-403. Special events - social equity licenses - rules.**

9 (1) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY  
10 MAY ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF REGULATED  
11 MARIJUANA TO A LICENSEE THAT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

12 (2) (a) TO QUALIFY FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, A LICENSEE  
13 MUST:

14 (I) HOLD A SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSE; AND

15 (II) HOLD A MARIJUANA HOSPITALITY BUSINESS LICENSE.

16 (b) A LICENSEE THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL RETAIL MARIJUANA  
17 TO CUSTOMERS MAY PARTNER WITH A PERSON QUALIFIED UNDER  
18 SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO HOLD A SPECIAL EVENT.

19 (3) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING  
20 AUTHORITY MAY SET A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE IN AN AMOUNT THAT  
21 OFFSETS THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST TO THE STATE LICENSING  
22 AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY OF IMPLEMENTING THIS  
23 SECTION.

24 (4) (a) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING  
25 AUTHORITY MAY DENY THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT UPON  
26 THE GROUNDS THAT THE ISSUANCE WOULD BE INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC  
27 WELFARE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SPECIAL EVENT, ITS LOCATION

1     WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, OR THE FAILURE OF THE APPLICANT IN A PAST  
2     SPECIAL EVENT TO CONDUCT THE EVENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE  
3     LAWS.

4           (b) PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED PERMIT AND OF THE  
5     PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTING ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT MUST BE  
6     CONSPICUOUSLY POSTED AT THE PROPOSED LOCATION FOR AT LEAST TEN  
7     DAYS BEFORE APPROVAL OF THE PERMIT.

8           (c) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING  
9     AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT RULES, ORDINANCES, OR RESOLUTIONS SETTING  
10    THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND FOR  
11    PROTESTING THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

12          (d) PROTEST MUST BE FILED BY AFFECTED PERSONS WITHIN TEN  
13    DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. THE HEARING MUST BE HELD AT  
14    LEAST TEN DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL POSTING OF THE NOTICE, AND NOTICE  
15    OF THE HEARING MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT AND ANY PERSON  
16    WHO HAS FILED A PROTEST.

17          (e) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING  
18    AUTHORITY SHALL APPROVE OR DENY AN APPLICATION WITHIN NINETY  
19    DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATION IS FILED.

20          (5)(a) WHEN ISSUING A PERMIT, THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY  
21    OR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL SPECIFY THE LOCATION WHERE  
22    THE SPECIAL EVENT IS AUTHORIZED AND DESCRIBE THE LOCATION ON THE  
23    PERMIT. A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT IS VALID ONLY FOR THE LOCATION  
24    DESCRIBED ON THE PERMIT.

25          (b) WHEN ISSUING A PERMIT, THE STATE OR LOCAL LICENSING  
26    AUTHORITY SHALL SPECIFY THE DATES WHEN THE SPECIAL EVENT MAY  
27    OCCUR AND LIST THE DATES ON THE PERMIT. A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

1 AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF REGULATED MARIJUANA PRODUCTS ONLY  
2 DURING THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. OF THE DAY SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT AND  
3 UNTIL 2 A.M. OF THE DAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

4 (c) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY OR LOCAL LICENSING  
5 AUTHORITY SHALL NOT ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO A LICENSEE FOR  
6 MORE THAN FIFTEEN DAYS IN ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

7 (6) (a) THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT ISSUED UNDER  
8 THIS SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 10 THAT  
9 OCCURS AT THE SPECIAL EVENT.

10 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A  
11 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 10 OCCURS DURING A SPECIAL EVENT AND THE  
12 RESPONSIBLE LICENSEE CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED, THE STATE LICENSING  
13 AUTHORITY MAY SEND WRITTEN NOTICE TO EVERY LICENSEE IDENTIFIED  
14 ON THE PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND MAY FINE EACH LICENSEE THE SAME  
15 DOLLAR AMOUNT. THE FINE MUST NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS  
16 PER LICENSEE OR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE. A JOINT  
17 FINE LEVIED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (6)(b) DOES NOT APPLY TO  
18 THE REVOCATION OF A LICENSE.

19 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
26 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.