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SENATE BILL 25-132

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Marchman and Gonzales J.,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Soper and Titone,

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, & Technology
Appropriations

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR MANUFACTURER'S AUTHORITY TO**
102 **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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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.

- licensed in the state; and
At up to 5 approved sales room locations.

1 *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 THREE 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 THREE of those
13 noncontiguous locations.

14 (B) 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

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 SALES PROCEEDS.

5 (II) A manufacturer of spirituous liquors licensed pursuant to this
6 section that operates a sales room may purchase and use common alcohol
7 modifiers, including vermouth, amaros, and liqueurs, to combine with
8 spirituous liquors to produce cocktails for consumption on or off the sales
9 room premises. A manufacturer that uses an alcohol modifier pursuant to
10 this subsection (7)(a)(II) shall combine the modifier with a spirituous
11 liquor. ~~produced by the manufacturer.~~ A manufacturer shall not sell an
12 alcohol modifier that has not been combined with a spiritous liquor. The
13 state licensing authority may adopt rules necessary to implement and
14 administer this subsection (7)(a)(II).

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