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HOUSE BILL 25-1237

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lindstedt and Mabrey,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees
Business Affairs & Labor

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALLOWING PERSONS LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOL
102 BEVERAGES TO SELL CERTAIN ALCOHOL BEVERAGES UNTIL 2:30
103 A.M. FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES UNTIL 3 A.M.

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>.)

Current law prohibits a person licensed to sell alcohol beverages at the retail level (licensee) from selling, serving, or distributing malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. The bill allows a licensee to allow customers to consume malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. on the licensed premises if the licensee:

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.

- Stops selling malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors and closes out all open charges no later than 2:30 a.m.; and
- Removes all purchased malt, vinous, or spirituous liquors from the consumption area of the licensed premises no later than 3 a.m.

The bill only applies to a licensee if the county, city and county, or municipality that the licensee is operating within adopts a law opting into the application of the bill to their jurisdiction. The local law may be more strict than the bill.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-901, **amend**
3 (6)(b)(I); and **add** (6.5) as follows:

4 **44-3-901. Unlawful acts - exceptions - definitions.** (6) It is
5 unlawful for any person licensed to sell at retail pursuant to this article 3
6 or article 4 of this title 44:

7 (b) To sell, serve, or distribute any malt, vinous, or spirituous
8 liquors at any time other than the following:

9 (I) EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (6.5) OF THIS SECTION,
10 for consumption on the premises on any day of the week, except between
11 the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m.;

12 (6.5) (a) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (6.5)(b) OF THIS SECTION, A
13 LICENSEE MAY ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO CONSUME MALT, VINOUS, OR
14 SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS FROM 2 A.M. TO 3 A.M. ON THE LICENSED PREMISES
15 IF THE LICENSEE:

16 (I) STOPS SELLING MALT, VINOUS, OR SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS AND
17 CLOSES ALL OPEN CHARGES NO LATER THAN 2:30 A.M.; AND

18 (II) REMOVES ALL PURCHASED MALT, VINOUS, OR SPIRITUOUS
19 LIQUORS FROM THE CONSUMPTION AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES NO
20 LATER THAN 3 A.M.

1 (b) SUBSECTION (6.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO A
2 LICENSEE IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR
3 MUNICIPALITY THAT THE LICENSEE IS OPERATING WITHIN ADOPTS AN
4 ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW OPTING INTO THE
5 APPLICATION OF SUBSECTION (6.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO THEIR
6 JURISDICTION. A GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR
7 MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, REGULATION, OR
8 OTHER LAW THAT IS MORE STRICT THAN SUBSECTION (6.5)(a) OF THIS
9 SECTION.

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