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Research Note

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House Bill 16-1084

Sponsors

Representative Lebsock
Senator Holbert

Short Title

*Home Brewing By Adult For
Personal Use*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which became effective on March 18, 2016.

Summary

This bill allows an adult, rather than a head of a family, to produce beer or wine for personal use, rather than family use, without having to obtain a liquor license or pay applicable liquor taxes.

Background

Current Colorado law allows the head of a family to produce beer or wine without having to obtain a liquor license or pay applicable liquor taxes, as permitted by federal law, rules, and regulations. In order to qualify, the home-produced beer or wine must be for family use and may not be made available for sale. An individual head of a family may produce up to the amount that is exempt from the federal excise tax on the beer or wine.

Additionally, Colorado law allows the head of a family to transport and deliver home-brewed beer to any licensed premise for the use at events such as home brew contests, tastings, or judgments. However, this malt liquor must be served in portions not exceeding six ounces and the liquor may not be sold, offered for sale, or made available for consumption by the general public.

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House Action

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (January 28, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the American Homebrewers Association and Quirky Homebrew Supply testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, unamended, to the House Committee of the Whole.

House second reading (February 1, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (February 2, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee (February 22, 2016). At the hearing, the committee referred the bill, unamended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (February 25, 2016). The Senate passed the bill, unamended, on second reading.

Senate third reading (February 26, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.