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House Bill 16-1092

Sponsors

Representative Moreno
Senator Marble

Short Title

Authorize Retail Marijuana
Special Event Permit

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Status

The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee on February 16, 2016.

Summary

This bill authorizes a retail marijuana store to submit an application to the Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) in the Department of Revenue (DOR) for a special event permit if the store is located in a municipality or county that has approved the sale of retail marijuana. The application must state the address and specific location for the special event, and include the identities of participating retail stores. The location must be accessible only to individuals 21 years of age or older, can be a closed street, highway, or public byway and must have adequate security measures. The MED must approve or deny the application within 30 days. Upon approval from the MED, the application must be approved by the local licensing authority in order for the event to take place.

The state special event permit fee is \$150 per day, and the local licensing agency may also charge a fee of up to \$150 per day. Retail marijuana stores may donate marijuana products and sell retail marijuana and retail marijuana products at the special event. Fees of up to \$100 per licensee may be assessed if a violation occurs at the special event.

Retail marijuana special events are limited to five consecutive days and 15 days in any one calendar year. Retail marijuana and retail marijuana products can only be sold between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and midnight on the same day. Sandwiches or other food snacks must be available during all hours of service of retail marijuana or retail marijuana products, but prepared meals need not be served.

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Background

The MED in the DOR regulates retail marijuana business licenses according to the Colorado Retail Marijuana Code. In addition, local governments may enact ordinances to regulate retail marijuana, including the number and location of retail marijuana establishment licenses. 21 counties and 43 municipalities in Colorado allow retail marijuana facilities in their jurisdictions.

Colorado law prevents retail marijuana stores from selling marijuana or marijuana products to persons that are not physically present in the retail marijuana store. HB 16-1092 allows retail marijuana and marijuana products to be purchased off premises during permitted special events.

House Action

House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee (February 16, 2016). The committee postponed the bill indefinitely.