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**SENATE BILL 21-082**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE**  
102              **LICENSE HOLDERS TO HOLD FESTIVALS FOR ALCOHOL**  
103              **BEVERAGE RETAIL ACTIVITY, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
104              **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

Under current law, a limited winery or a wine manufacturer may obtain a permit to hold up to 9 wine festivals in 12 months, with each festival lasting no longer than 72 hours. Other limited wineries and wine

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

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manufacturers may participate in the wine festival. Wine tastings and retail sales are conducted at a wine festival.

The bill authorizes the following to also hold festivals where they can conduct joint tastings and engage in any retail operations authorized by their licenses or permits:

- A retail liquor store licensee;
- A beer and wine licensee;
- A hotel and restaurant licensee;
- A tavern licensee;
- A retail gaming tavern licensee;
- A brew pub licensee;
- An arts licensee;
- A vintner's restaurant licensee;
- A distillery pub licensee;
- A winery or limited winery operating a sales room;
- A spirits manufacturer operating a sales room; and
- A beer manufacturer operating a sales room.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-301, **amend**  
3 (3)(a) as follows:

4 **44-3-301. Licensing in general.** (3)(a) Each license issued under  
5 this article 3 and article 4 of this title 44 is separate and distinct. It is  
6 unlawful for any person to exercise any of the privileges granted under  
7 any license other than the license the person holds or for any licensee to  
8 allow any other person to exercise the privileges granted under the  
9 licensee's license, except as provided in section 44-3-402 (3), 44-3-403  
10 (2)(a), 44-3-404, or 44-3-417 (1)(b). A separate license must be issued for  
11 each specific business or business entity and each geographic location,  
12 and in the license the particular alcohol beverages the applicant is  
13 authorized to manufacture or sell must be named and described. For  
14 purposes of this section, a resort complex with common ownership, a  
15 campus liquor complex, a hotel and restaurant licensee with optional  
16 premises, an optional premises licensee for optional premises located on

1 an outdoor sports and recreational facility, and a ~~wine~~ festival at which  
2 more than one licensee participates pursuant to a ~~wine~~ festival permit is  
3 considered a single business and location.

4 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-404, **amend** (1),  
5 (2), (4) introductory portion, (5), (6), and (7); and **add** (9) as follows:

6 **44-3-404. Festival permit.** (1) (a) A ~~wine~~ PERSON LISTED IN  
7 SUBSECTION (9) OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A festival permit application  
8 ~~may be filed~~ with the state licensing authority. ~~by any limited winery~~  
9 ~~licensee or by any manufacturer licensee that is licensed to manufacture~~  
10 ~~vinous liquors.~~ The applicant ~~shall~~ MUST:

11 (I) Specify the licensed premises for the first of the ~~wine~~ festivals  
12 to be held; ~~which application shall be filed~~

13 (II) FILE THE APPLICATION at least ten business days before the  
14 festival is to be held; ~~The applicant shall~~ AND

15 (III) Include a twenty-five dollar annual processing fee with the  
16 application filed with the state licensing authority.

17 (b) (I) A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY CREATE A LOCAL  
18 PERMIT FOR FESTIVALS; EXCEPT THAT A LIMITED WINERY LICENSEE OR  
19 WINERY LICENSEE NEED NOT OBTAIN A LOCAL PERMIT TO PARTICIPATE IN  
20 OR HOLD A FESTIVAL. IF A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY DOES NOT CREATE  
21 A LOCAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b), AN APPLICANT NEED NOT  
22 OBTAIN A LOCAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) TO CONDUCT  
23 FESTIVALS.

24 (II) IF A LICENSEE IS APPLYING FOR BOTH A FESTIVAL PERMIT AND  
25 A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE  
26 44, THE LICENSEE NEED NOT APPLY FOR ANY LOCAL PERMIT ESTABLISHED  
27 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

1           ~~(b) (c) Such fee shall entitle the permittee to use the wine festival~~  
2           ~~permit for twelve months after the date of issuance, so long as the~~  
3           ~~permittee notifies the state licensing authority and the appropriate local~~  
4           ~~licensing authority of the location of all other wine festivals under this~~  
5           ~~permit at least ten business days before any such festival is to be held. A~~  
6           ~~wine festival permit shall entitle the permittee to hold no more than nine~~  
7           ~~wine festivals during the twelve-month period~~ IF A FESTIVAL PERMITTEE  
8           NOTIFIES THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY AND THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL  
9           LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE LOCATION OF AND DATES OF EACH FESTIVAL  
10          AT LEAST TEN BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE HOLDING THE FESTIVAL, THE  
11          PERMITTEE MAY HOLD UP TO, BUT NO MORE THAN, NINE FESTIVALS DURING  
12          THE TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE FESTIVAL PERMIT IS ISSUED.

13           (2) ~~The applicant shall be the licensee filing the application, but~~  
14           ~~any wine festival permit that is issued as a result of such application shall~~  
15           ~~be considered to be jointly held by the permittee and the participating~~  
16           ~~limited winery licensees. or manufacturer licensees that are licensed to~~  
17           ~~manufacture vinous liquors~~ THE LICENSEE THAT HOLDS THE FESTIVAL  
18           MUST FILE THE APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT, BUT OTHER LICENSEES MAY  
19           JOINTLY PARTICIPATE UNDER THE PERMIT ISSUED TO THE LICENSEE THAT  
20           APPLIED FOR THE PERMIT.

21           (4) The state licensing authority may deny a ~~wine~~ festival permit  
22           or supplemental application for any of the following reasons:

23           (5) After the issuance of an initial ~~wine~~ festival permit, all  
24           supplemental applications that are complete and filed in a timely manner  
25           ~~shall be~~ ARE deemed approved unless the state licensing authority  
26           provides the permittee with a notice of denial at least seventy-two hours  
27           prior to the date of the event.

1 (6) The permittee and participating licensees are authorized to use  
2 the licensed premises jointly to conduct ~~wine~~ ALCOHOL BEVERAGE  
3 tastings and ~~sell any vinous liquors manufactured by a Colorado limited~~  
4 ~~winery or manufacturer licensed to manufacture vinous liquors. No wine~~  
5 TO ENGAGE IN THE SAME RETAIL OPERATIONS THAT THE PERMITTEE AND  
6 PARTICIPATING LICENSEES ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT AT THEIR  
7 LICENSED PREMISES. A festival permit ~~shall~~ DOES NOT authorize the  
8 permittee to use the licensed premises for more than seventy-two hours  
9 for any one ~~wine~~ festival.

10 (7) If a violation of this article 3 occurs during a ~~wine~~ festival and  
11 the licensee responsible for the violation can be identified, the STATE OR  
12 LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY CHARGE AND IMPOSE APPROPRIATE  
13 PENALTIES ON THE licensee. ~~may be charged and the appropriate penalties~~  
14 ~~shall apply.~~ If the responsible party cannot be identified, the state  
15 licensing authority may send a written notice to every licensee identified  
16 on the permit application and may fine each the same dollar amount,  
17 which ~~amount shall~~ FINE MUST not exceed twenty-five dollars per licensee  
18 or two hundred dollars in the aggregate. ~~No~~ A joint fine levied pursuant  
19 to this subsection (7) ~~shall~~ DOES NOT apply to the revocation of the  
20 licensee's license under section 44-3-601.

21 (9) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SECTION  
22 44-3-402, 44-3-403, 44-3-411, 44-3-413, 44-3-414, 44-3-417, 44-3-422,  
23 OR 44-3-426.

24 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-5-103, **amend**  
25 (1)(b) as follows:

26 **44-5-103. Grounds for issuance of special permits.** (1) (b) If a  
27 violation of this article 5 or article 3 of this title 44 occurs during a special

1 event ~~wine~~ festival and the responsible licensee can be identified, ~~such~~  
2 THE STATE OR LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY CHARGE AND IMPOSE  
3 APPROPRIATE PENALTIES ON THE licensee. ~~may be charged and the~~  
4 ~~appropriate penalties may apply.~~ If the responsible licensee cannot be  
5 identified, the state licensing authority may send written notice to every  
6 licensee identified on the permit applications and may fine each the same  
7 dollar amount. The fine shall not exceed twenty-five dollars per licensee  
8 or two hundred dollars in the aggregate. ~~No~~ A joint fine levied pursuant  
9 to this subsection (1)(b) ~~shall~~ DOES NOT apply to the revocation of a  
10 ~~limited wineries~~ LICENSEE'S license under section 44-3-601.

11 **SECTION 4. Appropriation. (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal**  
12 **year, \$511,210 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This**  
13 **appropriation is from the liquor enforcement division and state licensing**  
14 **authority cash fund created in section 44-6-101, C.R.S. To implement this**  
15 **act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:**

16 **(a) \$10,634 for use by the executive director's office for the**  
17 **purchase of legal services;**

18 **(b) \$35,370 for use by the executive director's office for vehicle**  
19 **lease payments;**

20 **(c) \$363,038 for use by the liquor and tobacco enforcement**  
21 **division for personal services, which amount is based on an assumption**  
22 **that the division will require an additional 6.2 FTE; and**

23 **(d) \$102,168 for use by the liquor and tobacco enforcement**  
24 **division for operating expenses.**

25 **(2) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$10,634 is appropriated to**  
26 **the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds**  
27 **received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(a) of this**

1 section and is based on an assumption that the department of law will  
2 require an additional 0.1 FTE. To implement this act, the department of  
3 law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the  
4 department of revenue.

5 (3) For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$35,370 is appropriated to  
6 the department of personnel. This appropriation is from reappropriated  
7 funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (1)(b)  
8 of this section. To implement this act, the department of personnel may  
9 use this appropriation for vehicle replacement lease/purchase.

10 **SECTION 5. 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.