

**First Regular Session
Seventy-third General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

REVISED

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted
on Second Reading in the Second House*

LLS NO. 21-0984.01 Duane Gall x4335

HOUSE BILL 21-1296

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Bird and Baisley, Bradfield, Gray, Larson, McKean, Sandridge, Snyder, Sullivan, Van Winkle, Amabile, Duran, Esgar, Hooton, Michaelson Jenet, Ricks, Williams

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Pettersen and Hisey, Lundeen, Rodriguez, Sonnenberg, Winter, Zenzinger

House Committees
Business Affairs & Labor

Senate Committees
Local Government

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS PERTAINING**
102 **TO LIMITED GAMING, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **ALLOWING LICENSE APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS**
104 **AFTER THE INITIAL SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION,**
105 **ELIMINATING THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF**
106 **PLAYERS PERMITTED IN THE GAME OF BLACKJACK, AND**
107 **ALLOWING A CASINO OPERATOR TO DIVIDE ITS LAWFUL GAMING**
108 **SPACE INTO MORE THAN TWO NONCONTIGUOUS SPACES.**

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

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.*

SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
May 26, 2021

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
May 18, 2021

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
May 17, 2021

<http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

By executive order, to allow for social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Governor Polis:

- Suspended the operation of statutes prohibiting more than 7 players in the game of blackjack;
- Suspended the operation of statutes limiting a casino operator to 2 noncontiguous gaming areas within the casino; and
- Eliminated the requirement that an applicant for a limited gaming or sports betting license submit fingerprints simultaneously with the license application for purposes of conducting a fingerprint-based criminal history record check, instead allowing the applicant to submit fingerprints as a supplement to the application.

The bill codifies all 3 of these changes.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-103, **amend**
3 (6) as follows:

4 **44-30-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 30, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (6) "Blackjack" means a banking card game commonly known as
7 "21" or "blackjack" ~~played by a maximum of seven players~~ in which each
8 player bets against the dealer. The object is to draw cards whose value
9 will equal or approach twenty-one without exceeding that amount and
10 win amounts bet, payable by the dealer, if the player holds cards more
11 valuable than the dealer's cards.

12 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-508, **amend**
13 (3) as follows:

14 **44-30-508. Licensed premises - retail floor plan - definition.**

15 (3) A licensed retailer may change the physical location of the licensed
16 premises with the approval of the commission, the director, or the

1 director's designee. ~~however, in no event shall the licensed premises as~~
2 ~~modified violate any provision of this article 30 or consist of more than~~
3 ~~two noncontiguous areas on one floor.~~ Failure of the commission, the
4 director, or the director's designee to deny an application to relocate the
5 licensed premises in a building, within thirty days of the application, shall
6 be deemed an approval thereof.

7 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-510, **amend**
8 (3)(a) as follows:

9 **44-30-510. Applicants and licensees - providing information**
10 **- criminal history record check.** (3) (a) ~~With the submission of OR AS~~
11 ~~A SUPPLEMENT TO~~ an application for a license or an application for a
12 finding of suitability pursuant to this article 30, each applicant shall
13 submit a set of fingerprints to the commission. The commission shall
14 forward the fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the
15 purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal
16 history record check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of
17 investigation and the federal bureau of investigation. **THE COMMISSION**
18 **SHALL NOT TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE APPLICATION BEFORE RECEIVING**
19 **THE RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD**
20 **CHECK.**

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-30-1504, **amend**
22 (7)(a) as follows:

23 **44-30-1504. Disclosure of information by corporate applicants**
24 **- license required - investigation - criminal history record check -**
25 **rules - definition.** (7) (a) Each applicant for a sports betting license, with
26 ~~the submission of~~ OR AS A SUPPLEMENT TO the application, shall submit
27 a set of fingerprints to the division. The division shall forward the

1 fingerprints to the Colorado bureau of investigation for the purpose of
2 conducting a state and national fingerprint-based criminal history record
3 check utilizing records of the Colorado bureau of investigation and the
4 federal bureau of investigation. Only the actual costs of the record check
5 shall be borne by the applicant. Nothing in this subsection (7) precludes
6 the division from making further inquiries into the background of the
7 applicant.

8 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.