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HOUSE BILL 21-1296

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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.
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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.