

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Boyd; White Rep. Gardner B.; Kerr A.	Bill Status: Senate Local Government & Energy Fiscal Analyst: Harry Zeid (303-866-4753)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE ALCOHOL CONTENT OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR CONSUMPTION ON A LICENSED PREMISES.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, persons licensed to sell beer, wine, or spirituous liquors for on-premises consumption are not technically authorized to sell fermented malt beverages (also known as low-alcohol-content beer or 3.2 beer). The bill will permit license holders to sell 3.2 beer for consumption on the licensed premises.

The bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. No new license applications will be required from existing licensees, and no additional fees will be collected from existing licensees for the privilege of being able to offer 3.2 beer. Future applications to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors will be unaffected by the authorization to also sell fermented malt beverages. Additionally, no change in enforcement protocol by the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue will be necessary to implement the bill. The bill is not expected to affect state sales tax or excise tax revenue from the sale of alcohol beverages.

Departments Contacted

Revenue