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SENATE BILL 12-094

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CLARIFICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF FOOD USED IN**
102 **STATE SALES TAX LAWS TO ENSURE THAT THE TREATMENT FOR**
103 **SALES TAX PURPOSES OF A FOOD PRODUCT SOLD FOR DOMESTIC**
104 **HOME CONSUMPTION BY A GROCERY STORE, SUPERMARKET, OR**
105 **CONVENIENCE STORE DOES NOT CHANGE SOLELY BECAUSE THE**
106 **STORE SELLS THE FOOD PRODUCT OR MARKETS THE FOOD**
107 **PRODUCT FOR SALE AS A CONVENIENCE FOOD.**

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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The bill amends the definition of "food" used in state sales tax laws to ensure that the treatment for sales tax purposes of a food product sold for domestic home consumption by a grocery store, supermarket, or convenience store does not change solely because the store sells the food product or markets the food product for sale as a convenience food.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-26-102, **amend**
3 (4.5) as follows:

4 **39-26-102. Definitions - repeal.** As used in this article, unless the
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (4.5) "Food" means food for domestic home consumption as
7 defined in 7 U.S.C. sec. 2012 (k), as amended, for purposes of the federal
8 food stamp program, or any successor program, as defined in 7 U.S.C.
9 sec. 2012 (l), as amended; except that "food" does not include carbonated
10 water marketed in containers; chewing gum; seeds and plants to grow
11 foods; prepared salads and salad bars; packaged and unpackaged cold
12 sandwiches; deli trays; and hot or cold beverages served in unsealed
13 containers or cups that are vended by or through machines or
14 non-coin-operated coin-collecting food and snack devices on behalf of a
15 vendor. A FOOD PRODUCT THAT IS FOOD FOR DOMESTIC HOME
16 CONSUMPTION WHEN SOLD BY A GROCERY STORE, SUPERMARKET, OR
17 CONVENIENCE STORE DOES NOT LOSE ITS STATUS AS FOOD SOLD FOR
18 DOMESTIC HOME CONSUMPTION SOLELY BECAUSE THE STORE SELLS IT OR
19 MARKETS IT FOR SALE AS A CONVENIENCE FOOD.

20 **SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
21 July 1, 2012, and applies to sales of food occurring on or after said date.

22 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.