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**SENATE BILL 17-134** 

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN AREAS OF AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSEE'S OPERATION IN THE APPLICATION OF PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

## **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 <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

The bill limits penalties for violations relating to the sale of alcohol beverages to a visibly intoxicated or underage person that occur in a sales room for licensees operating a beer wholesaler, winery, limited winery, or distillery, or in a retail establishment, for licensees operating a brew pub, vintner's restaurant, or distillery pub, by prohibiting the

licensing authority from:

! Basing any fine on the estimated gross revenues of any manufacturing or wholesale activities of the licensee; and

! Extending any suspension to the manufacturing or wholesale activities of the licensee.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-47-601, amend

(1) and (3)(b); and add (7.5) as follows:

12-47-601. Suspension - revocation - fines. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7.5) OF THIS SECTION, in addition to any other penalties prescribed by this article ARTICLE 47 or article 46 or 48 of this title TITLE 12, the state or any local licensing authority has the power, on its own motion or on complaint, after investigation and public hearing at which the licensee shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard, to suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by such authority for any violation by the licensee or by any of the agents, servants, or employees of such THE licensee of the provisions of this article article 47; or any of the rules or regulations authorized pursuant to BY this article ARTICLE 47; or of any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of the license or permit issued by such authority. Any licensing authority has the power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the production of papers, books, and records necessary to the determination of any hearing that the licensing authority is authorized to conduct.

(3) (b) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7.5) OF THIS SECTION, the fine accepted LICENSEE shall be the ACCEPT A FINE equivalent to twenty percent of the licensee's estimated gross revenues from sales of alcohol beverages during the period of the proposed suspension; except that the fine shall MUST be not less than BETWEEN two hundred dollars nor more

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<del>than</del> AND	five	thousand	dollars

- (7.5) FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 12-47-901 (1)(a), (1)(a.5), OR (5)(a)(I) THAT OCCURS IN A SALES ROOM FOR A LICENSEE OPERATING PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-47-402 (2), 12-47-402 (6), 12-47-403 (2)(e), OR 12-47-406 (1)(b), OR IN A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT FOR LICENSEES OPERATING PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-47-415, 12-47-420, OR 12-47-424:
- (a) THE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT BASE A FINE ASSESSED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION ON THE ESTIMATED GROSS REVENUES ATTRIBUTABLE TO ANY MANUFACTURING OR WHOLESALE ACTIVITIES OF THE LICENSEE; EXCEPT THAT THE FINE MUST BE BETWEEN TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND
- (b) THE LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL NOT EXTEND ANY SUSPENSION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION TO THE MANUFACTURING OR WHOLESALE ACTIVITIES OF THE LICENSEE.

**SECTION 2.** Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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