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SENATE BILL 17-184

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO DEFINE LAWFUL CONSUMPTION OF  
102 MARIJUANA.

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

The bill authorizes the operation of a private marijuana club (club) only if the local jurisdiction has authorized clubs. A club must meet the following qualifications:

- ! All members and employees of the club must be 21 years of age or older;
- ! A club owner must be a resident of Colorado for at least 2

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- years prior to owning the club;
- ! The club's employees must be Colorado residents;
- ! The club cannot sell or serve alcohol or food;
- ! A club owner shall not sell marijuana on the premises; and
- ! A club owner shall not permit the sale or exchange of marijuana for remuneration on the premises.

The bill prohibits the open and public consumption of marijuana and defines the terms "open and public", "openly", and "publicly".

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43.3-902 as  
3 follows:

4 **12-43.3-902. Unlawful open and public consumption.** (1) THE  
5 OPEN AND PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 18-18-102 (20.3), AND ANY CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA IN A MANNER  
7 THAT ENDANGERS OTHERS, IS PROHIBITED.

8 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR  
9 MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PROVIDING  
10 STRICTER LIMITATIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF "OPEN AND PUBLIC" THAT  
11 MAY ALSO INCLUDE LOCATIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE  
12 EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
13 SECTION.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43.4-106 as  
15 follows:

16 **12-43.4-106. Private marijuana clubs - definition.** (1) (a) A  
17 PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB THAT ALLOWS CONSUMPTION OF MEDICAL OR  
18 RETAIL MARIJUANA MAY ONLY OPERATE WITHIN A COUNTY, CITY AND  
19 COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, CITY  
20 AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION  
21 AUTHORIZING PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUBS.

1 (b) THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION MAY PROVIDE FOR  
2 ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT LIMITATION ON  
3 THE LOCATION AND OPERATION OF A PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB.

4 (2) (a) AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 43.4, A "PRIVATE MARIJUANA  
5 CLUB" MEANS A MEMBERSHIP-BASED CLUB NOT ACCESSIBLE TO THE  
6 GENERAL PUBLIC THAT OPERATES TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO CONSUME  
7 RETAIL OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE PREMISES.

8 (b) A PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING  
9 LIMITATIONS:

10 (I) ALL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES MUST BE TWENTY-ONE YEARS  
11 OF AGE OR OLDER;

12 (II) A PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB OWNER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF  
13 COLORADO FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS PRIOR TO OWNING THE CLUB;

14 (III) ALL EMPLOYEES MUST BE RESIDENTS OF COLORADO;

15 (IV) THE SALE OR SERVICE OF ALCOHOL OR FOOD FOR  
16 CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES, EXCLUDING LIGHT SNACKS WITHOUT  
17 MARIJUANA INGREDIENTS, IS PROHIBITED;

18 (V) A PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB OWNER SHALL NOT SELL  
19 MARIJUANA ON THE PREMISES; AND

20 (VI) A PRIVATE MARIJUANA CLUB OWNER SHALL NOT PERMIT THE  
21 SALE OR EXCHANGE OF MARIJUANA FOR REMUNERATION ON THE PREMISES.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-43.4-902 as  
23 follows:

24 **12-43.4-902. Unlawful open and public consumption.** (1) THE  
25 OPEN AND PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
26 18-18-102 (20.3), AND ANY CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA IN A MANNER  
27 THAT ENDANGERS OTHERS, IS PROHIBITED.

1           (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR  
2 MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PROVIDING  
3 STRICTER LIMITATIONS ON THE DEFINITION OF "OPEN AND PUBLIC" THAT  
4 MAY ALSO INCLUDE LOCATIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE  
5 EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
6 SECTION.

7           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-18-102, **amend**  
8 the introductory portion; and **add** (20.3) as follows:

9           **18-18-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 18:

10           (20.3) "OPEN AND PUBLIC" OR "OPENLY AND PUBLICLY" MEANS A  
11 PLACE NOT PROTECTED FROM UNAIDED OBSERVATION LAWFULLY MADE  
12 FROM OUTSIDE ITS PERIMETER NOT INVOLVING PHYSICAL INTRUSION AND  
13 A PLACE TO WHICH THE PUBLIC OR A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
14 HAS ACCESS WITHOUT RESTRICTION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
15 HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, PARKS,  
16 PLAYGROUNDS, AND THE COMMON AREAS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND  
17 FACILITIES THAT ARE GENERALLY OPEN OR ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF  
18 THE PUBLIC WITHOUT RESTRICTION.

19           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
22 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a  
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.