



COLORADO

Department of Revenue

Enforcement Division - Liquor & Tobacco

Physical Address:
1881 Pierce Street
Lakewood, CO 80214

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 173350
Denver, CO 80217-3350

July 28, 2016

Dear Liquor Industry Members, Local Clerks and Stakeholders:

As most of you are aware, this year's legislative year for the alcohol industry was an active one, especially with the passing of SB16-197 by both the Senate and House of Representatives. On June 10, 2016, Governor John Hickenlooper signed SB16-197 into law.

Senate Bill 16-197 changed many aspects of alcohol law in Colorado that have been in place since prohibition. Changes included the expansion of multiple liquor licenses for retail liquor stores and liquor licensed drugstores, changes to age of employees, and distance minimums for new retail liquor stores and liquor licensed drugstores.

Another main aspect of SB16-197 concerns the issue of fermented malt beverage (3.2% beer). Senate Bill 16-197 mandates the State Licensing Authority to convene a liquor industry working group to conduct the following:

- Develop an implementation process for grocery and convenience stores to apply for a license to sell malt liquor and fermented malt beverages contain at least one-half percent alcohol by volume starting January 1, 2019.
- Analyze the impact that removing the alcohol content limit on fermented malt beverages will have on the alcohol beverage industry as a whole, as well as on current retail licenses.
- Consider other legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes necessary to promote the three-tiered distribution system in Colorado.
- Examine and make recommendations regarding law governing tastings conducted on retail premises and the ability of retail liquor stores to sell growlers containing malt liquors.

Senate Bill 16-197 also mandates the Liquor Industry Working Group convene no later than August 1, 2016, and by January 1, 2018, shall report its findings and recommendations for an implementation process, including any legislative or administrative recommendations, to the Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee and the House of Representatives Business Affairs and Labor Committee, or their successor committees.

The Liquor Enforcement Division (LED) sent emails to industry members and posted on the website an application process for those who wanted to serve on the SB16-197 Statutory Working Group. The following is a list of those positions that were selected to serve on the SB16-197 Statutory Working Group:

Barbara J. Brohl/Ron Kammerzell	Department of Revenue
Patrick Maroney	Liquor Enforcement Division
Linda Atkins	Attorney General's Office
Bob Hunt	Brewery (Large)

Garin Vorthmann	Brewery (Large)
Kevin Delange	Brewery (Small)
Laura Long	Brewery (Small)
Jason Bassett	Convenience Store
Kathryn Works	Convenience Store
Christopher Mallory	County Government
Jenny Wood	Community Prevention
Steve Gould	Distillery (Colorado)
Joan Green Turner	Distillery (National)
Lloyd Felix	Grocery Store
Joshua Phair	Grocery Store
Nicholas Hoover	Hotels Restaurants
Amie Mayhew	Hotels Restaurants
Carl Terry	Law Enforcement
Adam Stapen	Liquor Attorney
John Tipton	Liquor Attorney
Blake Harrison	Member at Large
Kurt Morrison	Member at Large
Ilana Kurtzig	Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Kevin Bommer	Municipal Government
Jeanne McEvoy	Off Premises Retailer
Bruce Dierking	Retail Liquor Store (Large)
Jim Shpall	Retail Liquor Store (Large)
Charles Carlson	Retail Liquor Store (Small)
Steve Findley	Wholesaler
Micki Hackenberger	Wholesaler
Stephanie Fransen	Tavern
Doug Caskey	Winery (Colorado)
Tyler Rudd	Winery (National)

The first meeting for the SB16-197 Statutory Working Group will be held on August 1, 2016 and the Carr Building – **rooms 1B and 1C**, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO. You can [click here](#) for an agenda of this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 303-205-2306.

Sincerely,



Patrick Maroney
 Director
 Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division