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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

Drafting Number: LLS 18-0842
Prime Sponsors: Sen. Hill
Rep. Pabon

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: IMPORTED ALCOHOL BEVERAGES WAITING PERIOD

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill removes the 30 day waiting period for importing alcohol beverages. The bill increases state workload in FY 2018-19 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a manufacturer or importer of alcohol beverages must file a notice of intent to import alcohol with the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue (DOR) at least 30 days before the importation or sale of the alcohol. The bill removes the 30 day waiting period.

Background

As of January 2018, 628 entities were licensed to import alcohol into Colorado and sell it to licensed wholesalers. Of those,

- 14 hold a fermented malt beverage (3.2 beer) importer's license;
- 75 hold a full-strength beer importer's license;
- 499 hold a wine and spirits importer's license;
- 5 hold a 3.2 beer nonresident manufacturer's license; and
- 35 hold a nonresident manufacturers license (full-strength beer).

State Expenditures

In FY 2018-19 only, the bill increases workload for the Liquor Enforcement Division in DOR by a minimal amount to conduct any rulemaking related to the filing requirements for importers. Legal services for rulemaking are provided by the Department of Law. The one-time rulemaking is expected to be accomplished with DOR's current allotment of legal services; no change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 7, 2018, and takes effect on August 8, 2018, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Judicial	Law
Municipalities	Revenue	