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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MARIJUANA RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING.**

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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>.)*

Under current law, a licensed medical or retail marijuana business may receive a responsible vendor designation (designation) if all of its employees successfully complete an approved course. If the business is subject to a licensing action, the designation can be considered a mitigating factor in the licensing action. The bill allows an individual to receive a designation and provides the same licensing mitigation protection to that individual in a licensing action. The bill clarifies how a business receives and maintains a designation and allows a person with

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a designation to take that designation with them to a new employer.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 44-10-1202  
3 as follows:

4 **44-10-1202. Responsible vendor - designation.** (1) (a) ~~A~~  
5 ~~medical marijuana business or a retail marijuana business licensed~~  
6 ~~pursuant to this article 10 may receive a responsible vendor designation~~  
7 ~~from the program vendor after successfully completing a responsible~~  
8 ~~medical or retail marijuana vendor server and seller training program~~  
9 ~~approved by the state licensing authority.~~ A PERSON OR AN EMPLOYEE,  
10 MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER LICENSED PURSUANT TO  
11 THIS ARTICLE 10 MAY RECEIVE A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION. A  
12 PROGRAM VENDOR SHALL PROVIDE A PERSON OR AN EMPLOYEE, MANAGER,  
13 OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS  
14 ARTICLE 10 A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION AFTER THE PERSON,  
15 EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER  
16 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM. A  
17 responsible vendor designation is valid for two years from the date of  
18 issuance. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION,  
19 A PERSON OR AN EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
20 OWNER LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 10 SHALL SUCCESSFULLY  
21 COMPLETE AN APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM EVERY TWO YEARS.

22 (b) Successful completion of an approved training program is  
23 achieved when the ~~program has been attended by and, as determined by~~  
24 ~~the program provider, satisfactorily completed by all employees selling~~  
25 ~~and handling medical or retail marijuana, all managers, and all resident~~

1 ~~on-site owners, if any~~ PERSON OR THE EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR  
2 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE  
3 10 SATISFACTORILY COMPLETES THE APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAM.

4 (c) ~~In order to maintain the responsible vendor designation, the~~  
5 ~~licensed medical marijuana business or retail marijuana business must~~  
6 ~~have each new employee who sells or handles medical or retail marijuana,~~  
7 ~~manager, or resident on-site owner attend and satisfactorily complete a~~  
8 ~~responsible medical or retail marijuana vendor server and seller training~~  
9 ~~program within ninety days after being employed or becoming an owner.~~  
10 ~~The licensed medical marijuana business or retail marijuana business~~  
11 ~~shall maintain documentation of completion of the program by new~~  
12 ~~employees, managers, or owners.~~ IF ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES, MANAGERS,  
13 AND CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF A MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
14 BUSINESS OR A RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS  
15 ARTICLE 10 HAVE A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION, THE  
16 BUSINESS IS CONSIDERED TO A HAVE RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION.  
17 WHEN A LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OR RETAIL MARIJUANA  
18 BUSINESS IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION  
19 AND IT HIRES A NEW EMPLOYEE OR MANAGER OR HAS A NEW CONTROLLING  
20 BENEFICIAL OWNER, THE NEW EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING  
21 BENEFICIAL OWNER MUST HAVE A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR  
22 DESIGNATION OR MUST SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN APPROVED TRAINING  
23 PROGRAM WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER BEING EMPLOYED OR BECOMING AN  
24 OWNER IN ORDER FOR THE LICENSED BUSINESS TO MAINTAIN ITS  
25 RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION. IF A NEW EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR  
26 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER HAS A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR  
27 DESIGNATION UPON HIRE OR BECOMING AN OWNER, THE LICENSED

1 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OR RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS SHALL  
2 VERIFY THE DESIGNATION WITH THE PROGRAM VENDOR THAT ISSUED THE  
3 RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION.

4 (2) (a) A licensed medical marijuana business or retail marijuana  
5 business that ~~receives~~ IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE a responsible vendor  
6 designation from the program vendor shall maintain information on all  
7 persons licensed pursuant to this article 10 who are in its employment and  
8 who have been trained in an approved training program. The information  
9 includes the date, place, time, and duration of training and a list of all  
10 licensed persons attending each specific training class, which class  
11 includes a training examination or assessment that demonstrates  
12 proficiency.

13 (b) AN EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL  
14 OWNER WITH A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION SHALL  
15 MAINTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DESIGNATION, INCLUDING THE  
16 DATE, PLACE, TIME, AND DURATION OF TRAINING.

17 (3) If a local or state licensing authority initiates an administrative  
18 action against ~~a licensee~~ AN EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR CONTROLLING  
19 BENEFICIAL OWNER who has complied with the requirements of this  
20 section and has been designated a responsible vendor OR A LICENSED  
21 MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS OR RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS THAT IS  
22 CONSIDERED TO HAVE A RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION, the licensing  
23 authority shall consider the designation as a mitigating factor when  
24 imposing sanctions or penalties on the ~~licensee~~ EMPLOYEE, MANAGER, OR  
25 CONTROLLING BENEFICIAL OWNER OR LICENSED MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
26 BUSINESS OR RETAIL MARIJUANA BUSINESS.

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-203, **amend**

1 (2)(dd)(II) as follows:

2 **44-10-203. State licensing authority - rules - definition.**

3 (2) **Mandatory rule-making.** Rules promulgated pursuant to section  
4 44-10-202 (1)(c) must include but need not be limited to the following  
5 subjects:

6 (dd) Requirements for medical marijuana and medical marijuana  
7 products delivery as described in section 44-10-501 (11) and section  
8 44-10-505 (5) and retail marijuana and retail marijuana products delivery  
9 as described in section 44-10-601 (13) and section 44-10-605 (5),  
10 including:

11 (II) Training requirements for personnel of medical marijuana  
12 stores, retail marijuana stores, medical marijuana transporters, and retail  
13 marijuana transporters that hold a medical marijuana or retail marijuana  
14 delivery permit who will deliver medical marijuana or medical marijuana  
15 products or retail marijuana or retail marijuana products pursuant to this  
16 article 10 and requirements that medical marijuana stores, retail marijuana  
17 stores, medical marijuana transporters, and retail marijuana transporters  
18 ~~obtain~~ BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE a responsible vendor designation  
19 pursuant to section 44-10-1201 prior to conducting a delivery;

20 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-609, **amend**  
21 (3)(b) as follows:

22 **44-10-609. Marijuana hospitality business license.** (3) A  
23 marijuana hospitality business shall:

24 (b) Require all employees of the business to ~~successfully complete~~  
25 ~~an annual responsible vendor training program authorized pursuant to~~  
26 ~~section 44-10-1201~~ HAVE A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION,  
27 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 44-10-1201;

1           **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-10-610, **amend**  
2 (3)(e) as follows:

3           **44-10-610. Retail marijuana hospitality and sales business**  
4 **license.** (3) A retail marijuana hospitality and sales business licensee  
5 shall:

6           (e) Require all employees of the business to ~~successfully complete~~  
7 ~~an annual responsible vendor training program authorized pursuant to~~  
8 ~~section 44-10-1201~~ HAVE A VALID RESPONSIBLE VENDOR DESIGNATION,  
9 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 44-10-1201;

10           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
13 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
14 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
15 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
16 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
17 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.