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**HOUSE BILL 26-1330**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE OPERATIONAL PARAMETERS OF ENTERTAINMENT**  
102 **DISTRICTS.**

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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>.)*

Current law allows the governing body of a local licensing authority to create an entertainment district for the purpose of the service and consumption of alcohol beverages. The bill amends the laws governing entertainment districts by:

- Specifying that an entertainment district may exist only within a single municipality or city and county or the

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- unincorporated portion of a single county;
- Removing the requirement that an entertainment district be no larger than 100 acres;
- Reducing the minimum square footage that licensed premises are required to contain from 20,000 square feet of premises to 5,000 square feet;
- Allowing a local licensing authority to establish the days and hours of operation for the entertainment district and licensees within the entertainment district; and
- Specifying that only licensed premises authorized to attach to a common consumption area may sell or serve alcohol beverages for consumption within the common consumption area.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-103, **amend**  
 3 (15)(a) and (15)(c) introductory portion; and **repeal** (15)(b) as follows:

4           **44-3-103. Definitions.**

5           As used in this article 3 and article 4 of this title 44, unless the  
 6 context otherwise requires:

7           (15) "Entertainment district" means an area that:

8           (a) Is located within a SINGLE municipality a OR city and county  
 9 or the unincorporated area of a SINGLE county and is designated in  
 10 accordance with section 44-3-301 (11)(b) as an entertainment district;

11          AND

12           (b) ~~Comprises no more than one hundred acres; and~~

13           (c) ~~Contains, at least twenty thousand square feet of premises that;~~  
 14 at the time the district is created, is A COMBINED TOTAL LICENSED  
 15 PREMISES OF AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET FOR TWO OR MORE  
 16 LICENSEES THAT ARE licensed pursuant to this article 3 as:

17           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-301, **amend**  
 18 (11)(b) and (11)(f) as follows:

1           **44-3-301. Licensing in general - rules - tastings -**  
2           **entertainment district - promotional association - educational classes.**

3           (11) (b) A governing body of a local licensing authority may  
4           create an entertainment district by adopting an ordinance or resolution.  
5           ~~An entertainment district shall not exceed one hundred acres.~~ The  
6           ordinance or resolution may impose stricter limits than required by this  
7           subsection (11) on the ~~size, security or hours of operation~~ of any common  
8           consumption area created within the entertainment district.

9           (f) (I) A local licensing authority may establish application  
10          procedures and a fee for certifying a promotional authority or authorizing  
11          attachment to a common consumption area. The authority shall establish  
12          the fee in an amount designed to reasonably offset the cost of  
13          implementing this subsection (11).

14          (II) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article 3 TO THE  
15          CONTRARY, ~~THE GOVERNING BODY OF~~ a local LICENSING authority may set  
16          the DAYS AND hours during which ~~a common consumption area and~~  
17          ~~attached~~ licensed premises IN OR ON THE PERIMETER OF A COMMON  
18          CONSUMPTION AREA AND AUTHORIZED TO BE ATTACHED TO A COMMON  
19          CONSUMPTION AREA may SELL OR serve alcohol BEVERAGES and ~~the~~  
20          DURING WHICH THEIR customers may consume alcohol BEVERAGES EITHER  
21          IN THE COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA WHEN THE COMMON CONSUMPTION  
22          AREA IS IN OPERATION OR ON THEIR LICENSED PREMISES; EXCEPT THAT THE  
23          DAYS AND HOURS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (11)(f)(II)  
24          MUST NOT BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE DAYS AND HOURS ALLOWED  
25          IN SECTION 44-3-901 (6)(b)(I).

26          (III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE  
27          3 TO THE CONTRARY, ~~THE GOVERNING BODY OF~~ A LOCAL LICENSING

1 AUTHORITY MAY ESTABLISH THE DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR THE  
2 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT AND, WHEN IN OPERATION, THE DAYS AND  
3 HOURS DURING WHICH LICENSEES IN THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT THAT  
4 ARE LISTED IN SECTION 44-3-103 (15)(c) MAY SELL OR SERVE ALCOHOL  
5 BEVERAGES IN THEIR LICENSED PREMISES; EXCEPT THAT THE DAYS AND  
6 HOURS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (11)(f)(III) MUST  
7 NOT BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE DAYS AND HOURS ALLOWED IN  
8 SECTION 44-3-901 (6)(b)(I).

9 (IV) Before certifying a promotional association, the local  
10 licensing authority shall consider the reasonable requirements of the  
11 neighborhood, the desires of the adult inhabitants as evidenced by  
12 petitions, remonstrances, or otherwise, and all other reasonable  
13 restrictions that are or may be placed upon the neighborhood by the local  
14 licensing authority.

15 (V) PRIOR TO THE HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO APPROVE  
16 THE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION THAT WOULD CREATE THE  
17 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT, THE CITY COUNCIL OR BOARD OF COUNTY  
18 COMMISSIONERS SHALL CONSULT THE COUNTY SHERIFF AND ANY  
19 MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE AREA  
20 WHERE THE ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IS TO BE LOCATED.

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-910, **amend**  
22 (1)(b) and (1)(f); **repeal** (1)(c) and (1)(d); and **add** (5) and (6) as follows:

23 **44-3-910. Common consumption areas - rules.**

24 (1) A promotional association or attached licensed premises shall  
25 not:

26 (b) ~~Sell or provide an alcohol beverage to a customer for~~  
27 ~~consumption within the common consumption area but not within the~~

1 ~~licensed premises in a container that is larger than sixteen ounces~~ PERMIT  
2 INDIVIDUALS TO ENTER AN ATTACHED LICENSED PREMISES FROM THE  
3 COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA WITH AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PURCHASED  
4 FROM A DIFFERENT ATTACHED LICENSED PREMISES;

5 (c) ~~Sell or provide an alcohol beverage to a customer for~~  
6 ~~consumption within the common consumption area but not within the~~  
7 ~~licensed premises unless the container is disposable and contains the~~  
8 ~~name of the vendor in at least twenty-four-point font;~~

9 (d) ~~Permit customers to leave the licensed premises with an~~  
10 ~~alcohol beverage unless the beverage container complies with subsections~~  
11 ~~(1)(b) and (1)(c) of this section;~~

12 (f) Operate the common consumption area in an area that exceeds  
13 the maximum SIZE authorized ~~by this article 3~~ or by the local licensing  
14 authority;

15 (5) THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT RULES TO  
16 PRESERVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE PROPER REGULATION AND CONTROL OF  
17 THE SALE AND SERVICE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES UNDER THIS SECTION.  
18 THE STATE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY, BY RULE, ESTABLISH DIFFERENT  
19 REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED PREMISES WITHIN AN ENTERTAINMENT  
20 DISTRICT THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA  
21 AND LICENSED PREMISES WITHIN AN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT THAT ARE  
22 ATTACHED TO A COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA.

23 (6) ONLY LICENSED PREMISES AUTHORIZED TO ATTACH TO A  
24 COMMON CONSUMPTION AREA BY THE LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY  
25 UNDER SECTION 44-3-301 (11)(e) AND (11)(f) MAY SELL OR SERVE  
26 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE COMMON  
27 CONSUMPTION AREA.

1           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.