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SB17-237

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FISCAL NOTE

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

<b>Drafting Number:</b> LLS 17-1100	<b>Date:</b> August 4, 2017
<b>Prime Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. Gardner; Marble Rep. Nordberg; Garnett	<b>Bill Status:</b> Signed into Law
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**BILL TOPIC:** AGE OF EMPLOYEES SERVING ALCOHOL ON PREMISES

**Summary of Legislation**

Current law prohibits a liquor-licensed tavern or lodging and entertainment facility from permitting an employee who is under 21 years of age to sell alcohol. The bill allows employees who are under 21 years of age to sell alcohol in licensed taverns or lodging and entertainment facilities that regularly serve meals.

**Background**

Senate Bill 16-197 significantly changed state law related to off-premises retail liquor sales, including prohibiting employees of taverns, retail liquor stores, and liquor-licensed drugstores who are under 21 years of age from selling alcohol.

**Assessment**

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The unlawful act of serving alcohol by an employee under 21 years old at a tavern or lodging and entertainment facility went into effect on July 1, 2016, as part of SB16-197. No fiscal or workload impact was identified for that change in the fiscal note for SB 16-197, so returning to prior law for tavern and lodging and entertainment facility licensees that regularly serve food will not impact the expenditures, revenue, or workload of any state agency. In addition, the Liquor Enforcement Division has only been educating licensees and has not taken enforcement actions related to the offense.

**Effective Date**

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 5, 2017.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Counties	Judicial	Law
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