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Research Note

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Senate Bill 17-253

Sponsors

**Senators Marble & Guzman
Representatives Garnett &
McKean**

Short Title

**Alcohol Manufacturer Customer
Sales**

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was postponed indefinitely in the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee on May 5, 2017.

Background

Licensed wine or spirits manufacturers may operate a sales room at the licensed manufacturing location and one other location at no additional cost. The two allowable sales room may be for permanent locations or for one permanent location on the premises and the other for special events such as farmer's markets or festivals that last no more than three days. The temporary location may be used for multiple events throughout the year.

Licensed beer wholesalers may operate one on-site sales room and may not operate any temporary sales rooms.

Local licensing authorities may respond to an application to operate a temporary sales room.

Senate Action

Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee (April 12, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Restaurant Association, Falling Rock Tap House, the Colorado Beer Distributors, and the Little Pub Company spoke in opposition to the bill. Representatives from the Colorado Brewers Guild, the Colorado Distillers Guild, and Molly's Spirits spoke in favor of the bill.

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The committee referred the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee with no amendments.

Senate Appropriations Committee (April 20, 2017). The committee adopted amendment J.001 and referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole. The amendment limited wholesale beer licensees to one permanent sales room and up to two temporary sales rooms that may operate for up to three days at no extra cost.

Senate second reading (April 26, 2017). The Senate adopted the Senate Appropriations Committee report. The Senate passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

Senate third reading (April 27, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

House Business Affairs and Labor Committee (May 5, 2017). At the hearing, the bill sponsors asked that the bill be laid over to May 11, 2017.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, Senate Bill 16-197: Changes to Retail Liquor Sales, Issue Brief, August 2016:
<http://leg.colorado.gov/publications/senate-bill-16-197-changes-retail-liquor-sales-2016>

Legislative Council Staff, Overview of Colorado Liquor Licensing Law, November 2016:
<http://leg.colorado.gov/publications/overview-colorado-liquor-licensing-law-2016>