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**HOUSE BILL 23-1061**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING PERMITTING A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT TO SERVE**  
102              **COMPLEMENTARY ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AT A PLACE OF**  
103              **BUSINESS.**

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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 authorizes an art gallery to be issued a permit that allows the art gallery to serve complementary alcohol beverages. Under current law, a permit holder is prohibited from:

- Selling alcohol beverages by the drink;
- Serving alcohol beverages for more than 4 hours in a

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- 24-hour period;
- Serving alcohol beverages more than 15 days per year;
- Charging an entrance fee or a cover charge in connection with offering complimentary alcohol beverages;
- Violating the "Colorado Liquor Code"; or
- Allowing more than 250 people to be on the premises at one time when alcohol beverages are being served.

The bill broadens this permit to allow all retail establishments to obtain the permit if the establishment conducts business at a physical building in Colorado, sells goods or services to the public at the location, and derives less than 50% of the establishment's gross sales of goods and services from the sale of food. The prohibitions applicable to art gallery permit holders under current law are not changed and apply to a retail establishment that obtains a permit; except that:

- The prohibition on selling alcohol is broadened to cover the sale of alcohol beverages in any form; and
- The number of days that an establishment may serve alcohol beverages in a year is increased from 15 to 24 days.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 44-3-424 as  
3 follows:

4 **44-3-424. Retail establishment permit - definition.**

5 (1) (a) ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(C) OF THIS SECTION, A~~  
6 ~~person operating an art gallery that offers~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT MAY  
7 OFFER AND SERVE complimentary alcohol beverages for consumption only  
8 on the premises ~~may be~~ IF THE RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN issued  
9 ~~an art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit, which ~~shall~~ MUST be  
10 renewed annually. ~~An art gallery permittee~~

11 (b) A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT HOLDER shall not:

12 (a) (I) Directly or indirectly, sell alcohol beverages; ~~by the drink;~~  
13 ~~shall not~~

14 (b) (II) Serve alcohol beverages for more than four hours in ~~any~~  
15 ~~one day;~~ A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR PERIOD; ~~and shall not~~

1           (e) (III) Serve alcohol beverages more than ~~fifteen~~ TWENTY-FOUR  
2 days per year; ~~of licensure.~~

3           (IV) SERVE MALT LIQUOR OR VINOUS LIQUOR OF A SERVING SIZE  
4 OF MORE THAN TWELVE OUNCES;

5           (V) SERVE SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR OF A SERVING SIZE OF MORE THAN  
6 SIX OUNCES;

7           (VI) HOLD ANY OTHER LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE 3 OR  
8 4 OF THIS TITLE 44;

9           (VII) SERVE OR DISTRIBUTE ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BETWEEN 2 A.M.  
10 AND 7 A.M.;

11           (VIII) PERMIT A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO SELL,  
12 DISPENSE, OR PARTICIPATE IN THE SALE OR DISPENSING OF AN ALCOHOL  
13 BEVERAGE; OR

14           (IX) PERMIT A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND  
15 UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE TO SELL, DISPENSE, OR PARTICIPATE  
16 IN THE SALE OR DISPENSING OF AN ALCOHOL BEVERAGE, UNLESS THE  
17 PERSON IS SUPERVISED BY ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS ON THE PERMITTED  
18 PREMISES AND IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

19           (c) (I) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
20 IS:

21           (A) AN ART GALLERY; OR

22           (B) ANY OTHER RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT, EXCEPT RETAIL  
23 ESTABLISHMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION,  
24 THAT HAS NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE EMPLOYEES AND HAS RETAIL  
25 SALES OF NO MORE THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR.

26           (II) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT  
27 THAT:

1 (A) SELLS FIREARMS, MOTOR VEHICLES, MARIJUANA, GASOLINE,  
2 OR DIESEL FUEL;

3 (B) EDUCATES STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO TWELFTH  
4 GRADE OR PROVIDES CHILD CARE; OR

5 (C) IS A CONVENIENCE STORE.

6 (2) (a) The state or local licensing authority may reject the  
7 application for ~~an art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit if the  
8 applicant fails to establish that the applicant is able to offer  
9 complimentary alcohol beverages without violating this section or  
10 creating a public safety risk to the neighborhood.

11 (b) Upon initial application, and for each renewal, the applicant  
12 ~~shall~~ MUST list each day that alcohol beverages will be served, which days  
13 ~~shall~~ MUST not be changed without a minimum of fifteen days' written  
14 notice to the state and local licensing authority.

15 (3) ~~An art gallery shall not be denied an art gallery~~ NEITHER THE  
16 STATE NOR A LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY SHALL DENY A RETAIL  
17 ESTABLISHMENT permit based solely on the ~~art gallery's~~ RETAIL  
18 ESTABLISHMENT'S proximity to any public or private school or the  
19 principal campus of a college, university, or seminary.

20 (4) ~~An art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT shall not charge an  
21 entrance fee or a cover charge ~~in connection with~~ IN EXCHANGE FOR  
22 offering complimentary alcohol beverages for consumption only on the  
23 premises.

24 (5) ~~An art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit may be  
25 suspended or revoked in accordance with section 44-3-601 if the  
26 ~~permittee~~ PERMIT HOLDER violates ~~any provision of~~ this article 3 or any  
27 rule adopted pursuant to this article 3 or fails to truthfully furnish any

1 required information in connection with a permit application.

2 (6) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (6)(b) OF THIS  
3 SECTION, it is unlawful for any owner, part owner, shareholder, or person  
4 interested directly or indirectly in ~~an art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT  
5 THAT HOLDS A permit ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION to conduct, own  
6 either in whole or in part, or be directly or indirectly interested in any  
7 other business licensed pursuant to this article 3 or article 4 of this title  
8 44. ~~except that~~

9 (b) A ~~person regulated under~~ RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS  
10 A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO this section may have an interest in:

11 (I) Other ~~art gallery permits; in~~ RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT  
12 HOLD A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION;

13 (II) A license described in section 44-3-401 (1)(j) to (1)(t), (1)(v),  
14 or (1)(w), 44-3-412 (1), or 44-4-104 (1)(c); or ~~in~~

15 (III) A financial institution referred to in section 44-3-308 (4).

16 (7) As used in this section, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
17 REQUIRES:

18 (a) "Art gallery" means ~~an~~ A RETAIL establishment ~~whose~~ THAT  
19 HAS THE primary purpose ~~is to exhibit and offer~~ OF EXHIBITING AND  
20 OFFERING for sale works of fine art as defined in section 6-15-101 or  
21 precious or semiprecious metals or stones as defined in section  
22 18-16-102.

23 (b) "RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT" MEANS AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT  
24 HAS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SELLING GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE  
25 PUBLIC AND THAT:

26 (I) CONDUCTS THE BUSINESS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF  
27 THIS SECTION AT A PHYSICAL BUILDING IN COLORADO; AND

1            ~~(II) DERIVES LESS THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT'S~~  
2            ~~GROSS SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM THE SALE OF FOOD.~~

3            (8) ~~An art gallery~~ A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT issued a permit shall  
4            not intentionally allow more than two hundred fifty people to be on the  
5            premises at one time when alcohol beverages are being served.

6            (9) ~~Nothing in this section~~ THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

7            (a) ~~shall be construed to~~ Abrogate any insurance coverage  
8            required by law; OR

9            (b) ~~to authorize a licensed art gallery~~ AUTHORIZE A RETAIL  
10           ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT HOLDER to violate:

11           (I) Section 44-3-901, including ~~without limitation~~, serving a  
12           visibly intoxicated person and taking an alcohol beverage off the licensed  
13           premises; or ~~to violate~~

14           (II) Any zoning or occupancy ordinances or laws.

15           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-501, **amend**  
16           (1)(t) as follows:

17           **44-3-501. State fees - rules - one-time fee waiver.** (1) The  
18           applicant shall pay the following license and permit fees to the  
19           department annually in advance:

20           (t) For each ~~art gallery~~ RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit, fifty  
21           dollars;

22           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-505, **amend**  
23           (1)(o) and (4)(a)(IV) as follows:

24           **44-3-505. Local license fees.** (1) The applicant shall pay the  
25           following license fees to the treasurer of the municipality, city and  
26           county, or county where the licensed premises is located annually in  
27           advance:

1 (o) For each ~~art-gallery~~ RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit,  
2 twenty-five dollars;

3 (4) (a) Each application for a license provided for in this article 3  
4 and article 4 of this title 44 filed with a local licensing authority must be  
5 accompanied by an application fee in an amount determined by the local  
6 licensing authority to cover actual and necessary expenses, subject to the  
7 following limitations:

8 (IV) For a new ~~license~~ or renewal application for ~~an art-gallery~~ A  
9 RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT permit, not to exceed ~~one~~ TWO hundred dollars;

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-901, **amend**  
11 (1)(i)(IV) as follows:

12 **44-3-901. Unlawful acts - exceptions - definitions.** (1) Except  
13 as provided in section 18-13-122, it is unlawful for any person:

14 (i) (IV) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(i)(I) of this section, it is  
15 not unlawful for adult patrons of ~~an art-gallery~~ ~~permittee~~ A RETAIL  
16 ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT HOLDER to consume alcohol beverages on the  
17 premises when the consumption is conducted within the limitations of a  
18 valid permit granted pursuant to section 44-3-424.

19 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
26 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.