AN ACT

CONCERNING CREATION OF THE "RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE VENDOR ACT".

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

SECTION 1. Article 47 of title 12, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PART to read:

PART 10
RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE VENDOR ACT

12-47-1001. Short title. This part 10 shall be known and may be cited as the "RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE VENDOR ACT".

12-47-1002. Responsible vendors - standards. (1) To be a RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE VENDOR, A VENDOR SHALL COMPLY WITH THE SERVER AND SELLER TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

(2) The director of the liquor enforcement division shall set standards for compliance with the server and seller training program. When creating standards, the director shall consider input from local and state government, the alcohol beverage industry, and any other state or national seller and server programs.

SECTION 2. 12-47-601, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

12-47-601. Suspension - revocation - fines. (9) When penalizing a vendor who has violated section 12-47-901 (1) (a) by serving a minor during an
UNDERAGE COMPLIANCE CHECK, STATE AND LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES SHALL CONSIDER IT A MITIGATING FACTOR IF THE VENDOR IS A RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE VENDOR AS DEFINED BY PART 10 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, and shall apply to offenses committed on or after said date.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 20, 2004