



Titles and Text

Proposition 124

Increase Allowable Liquor Store Locations

The ballot title below is a summary drafted by the professional staff of the offices of the secretary of state, the attorney general, and the legal staff for the general assembly for ballot purposes only. The ballot title will not appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes. The text of the measure that will appear in the Colorado Revised Statutes below was drafted by the proponents of the initiative. The initiated measure is included on the ballot as a proposed change to current law because the proponents gathered the required amount of petition signatures.

Ballot Title:

Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning increasing the number of retail liquor store licenses in which a person may hold an interest, and, in connection therewith, phasing in the increase by allowing up to 8 licenses by December 31, 2026, up to 13 licenses by December 31, 2031, up to 20 licenses by December 31, 2036, and an unlimited number of licenses on or after January 1, 2037?

Text of Measure:

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Purpose.

The People of the State of Colorado find and declare that it is in the interest of Colorado to create a more level playing field for the different business types that sell alcohol for off-premises consumption by allowing an equal number of licenses for drugstores, grocery stores and liquor stores. Creating parity and an orderly expansion for all businesses will foster competition, create jobs, increase selection and consumer choice, and lower costs for Coloradans.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-409, **amend** (4)(b)(III) as follows:

44-3-409. Retail liquor store license – rules. (4)(b) An owner, part owner, shareholder, or person interested directly or indirectly in a retail liquor store may have an interest in:

(III) For a retail liquor store licensed on or before January 1, 2016, and whose license holder is a Colorado resident, additional retail liquor store licenses as follows, but only if the premises for which a license is sought satisfies the distance requirements specified in subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section:

(A) On or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022, one additional retail liquor store license, for a maximum of up to two total retail liquor store licenses;

(B) On or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, up to ~~two~~ SEVEN additional retail liquor store licenses, for a maximum of ~~three~~ EIGHT total retail liquor store licenses; ~~and~~

(C) On or after January 1, 2027, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2032, up to ~~three~~ TWELVE additional retail liquor store licenses, for a maximum of ~~four~~ THIRTEEN total retail liquor store licenses;

(D) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2032, AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2037, UP TO NINETEEN ADDITIONAL RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSES, FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY TOTAL RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSES;

(E) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2037, AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSES; OR

SECTION 3. Effective date. This measure shall go into effect upon the proclamation of the governor of the state of Colorado.