Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division Lodging & Entertainment Working Group (L&EWG)

Meeting of January 9, 2017 1:00pm – 3:00pm Liquor Enforcement Division Office 1881 Pierce Street | Lakewood

Welcome & Introductions

Liquor Enforcement Division (LED) Director Patrick Maroney opened with introductions, noting this will be a narrowly focused working group.

Open Discussions

The Working Group's goal is to make recommendations on two issues:

- 1. What type of business should be able to get a Lodging and Entertainment license? Discussion Below
- 2. Can a tavern licensee (after the one year conversion period) transfer as a tavern if they don't fit the definition of a tavern? **Consensus Yes**

After the first meeting on December 5th, a list was published to the liquor industry of the business types being reviewed as fitting the definition of "Entertainment."

The purpose of the L&E bill was to create a license type for those businesses that did not fit under the definition of a Tavern. With the understanding we will probably not reach consensus on all of these... let's review each in order to come up with a hard list for the Rule Making Hearing. We can make changes to these types in future rule making hearings if needed. If you disagree... you will be able to go on record at the hearing.

With respect to the definition of Lodging... it was agreed that rules are not necessary since the law provides enough definition - meeting rooms and sleeping rooms.

With the respect to the definition of Entertainment, the working group all agreed to the following business types as fitting the definition of Entertainment:

- Bowling Alleys
- Clubs (Music Golf Comedy Athletic)
- Event Centers
- Museums
- Fairgrounds
- Amusement Parks
- Arcades
- Billiard Halls
- Theaters (Movie)
- Theaters (Live)
- Concert Venues
- Sporting Events
- Spas
- Art Galleries
- Recreation Cooking School/classes
- Art and Craft Classes
- Bed & Breakfast (does not apply to room service)
- Escape Rooms

The working group was not able to fully agree on the following business types as fitting the definition of Entertainment:

- Coffee shops
- Nail/Hair Salons
- Barber Shops
- Tattoo Shops
- Karaoke Bar
- Farm to Dinner
- Butterfly Pavilion or Botanical Gardens

The Working Group discussed the law concerning an L&E license must have its primary business as entertainment or sports. The Working Group decided this would be something for the local and state licensing authorities to determine. The thought of mandating a specific percentage of sales to meet this requirement was discussed, but it was decided not to assign a specific percentage.

There was discussion about previous suggestions to create a complementary beverage permit" for barber shops and salons. The LED is not able to sponsor this bill and asked industry members to see if this was an idea they would sponsor.