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Dear Liquor Industry Members, Local Clerks and Stakeholders:

On June 10, 2016, Governor John Hickenlooper signed SB16-197. This bill will have a large impact on the liquor industry in Colorado concerning how alcohol is sold for off-premises consumption. One section of SB16-197 creates a new Liquor Industry Working Group (referred to as "SB16-197 Statutory Working Group") to develop an implementation process for grocery and convenience stores to apply for a license to sell malt liquor and fermented malt beverages containing at least one-half percent alcohol by volume starting January 1, 2019.

The 197 Working Group is also tasked with analyzing the impact that removing the alcohol content limit on fermented malt beverages will have on the alcohol beverage industry as a whole, as well as on current retail licensees, and shall consider other legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes necessary to promote the three-tiered distribution system in Colorado. Additionally, the SB16-197 Statutory Working Group will examine and make recommendations regarding laws governing tastings conducted on licensed retail premises and the ability of retail liquor stores to sell growlers containing malt liquors.

SB16-197 defines the members of the 197 Working Group as the following:

Brewery (Large – 2)	Liquor Attorney (2)
Brewery (Small – 2)	Liquor Enforcement
Colorado Attorney General's Office	Member at Large -2
Community Prevention	Member of MADD
County Government	Municipal Government
Convenience Stores -2	Off-Premises Retailer (Statewide)
Department of Revenue	Retail Liquor Stores (Large – 2)
Distillery (National)	Retail Liquor Stores (Small – 1)
Distillery (Colorado)	Taverns
Grocery Stores - 2	Wholesaler (2)
Hotel/Restaurants - 2	Winery (National)
Law Enforcement Representative	Winery (Colorado)

If you are interested in participating as a member of the SB16-197 Statutory Working Group, [Click Here](#) for more information and to register. You can also register on the LED website at www.colorado.gov/enforcement/liquor. Formal members of the Working Group are the only members allowed to vote on specific recommendations. However, non-Working Group members can actively participate in subgroups and provide input during each Working Group meeting. The deadline for requesting to be a member of the SB16-

197 Statutory Working Group is Monday, July 18, 2016. Those selected will be notified by July 25, 2016.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 9 a.m. at:

Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center
Conference Room 1B/1C
1300 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

The first meeting will focus on evaluating and prioritizing issues established in SB16-197 and assigning specific issues to subgroups.

The Department of Revenue and the Liquor Enforcement Division look forward to working with the industry, local government and other stakeholders to enhance liquor enforcement in Colorado. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Lowman at 303-205-2306.

Sincerely,

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