

Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

SB16-197 STATUTORY Working Group (SBSWG)

Meeting of August 1, 2016
9:00a – 12:00p

Judicial – Carr Building
1300 Broadway | 1B & 1C
Denver, CO 80203

Working Group Members Present:

Barbara Brohl.....	Department of Revenue
Ron Kammerzell, Co-Chair	Department of Revenue
Patrick Maroney, Co-Chair	Liquor Enforcement
Lynda Atkins	Attorney General Office
Jenn Penn (<i>for Bob Hunt</i>).....	Brewery (Large)
Garin Vorthmann	Brewery (Large)
Andrew Lemley	Brewery (Small)
Laura Long.....	Brewery (Small)
Jason Bassett	Convenience Store
Kathryn Works	Convenience Store
Christopher Mallory.....	County Government
Jenny Wood.....	Community Prevention
Joan Green Turner	Distillery (National View)
Stephen Gould.....	Distillery (State View)
Joshua Phair.....	Grocery Store
Nick Hoover	Hotel & Restaurants
Carl Terry	Law Enforcement Representative
Cory Tipton (<i>for John Tipton</i>).....	Liquor Attorney
Adam Stapen	Liquor Attorney
Blake Harrison	Member at Large
Kurt Morrison	Member at Large
Ilana Kurtzig.....	Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)
Kevin Bommer	Municipal Government
Jeanne McEvoy	Off Premises Retail
Bruce Bierking	Retail Liquor Store (Large)
Jim Shpall	Retail Liquor Store (Large)
Charles Carlson.....	Retail Liquor Store (Small)
Stephanie Fransen	Tavern
Steve Findley	Wholesaler
Micki Hackenberger.....	Wholesaler
Doug Caskey	Winery (Colorado)
Tyler Rudd	Winery (National)

Welcome & Introductions

Director Maroney opened the meeting and began by thanking the working group members for their time and the public for their attendance. Only working group members are allowed to participate in this discussion and that public comment will be allowed at the end of the meeting.

Working Group Objectives, Expectations, Guidelines and Outcomes

Director Maroney wanted to clarify that this working group IS the Statutory Working Group and is different than any other working group that will be addressing issues related to SB16-197. Noting that if there is no law changes effective January 1, 2019, there will be a change to the definition of a fermented malt beverage.

This working group will present their recommendations to the Legislature in January 1, 2018 for consideration in the 2018 Legislative Session on the 4 issues to be addressed below.

There are four (4) mandates that we need to address:

Mandate #1

Develop an implementation process for grocery and convenience stores to apply for a license to sell malt liquor and fermented malt beverages contain at least one-half percent alcohol by volume starting January 1, 2019. *(Sub Group / 3.2%)*

Mandate #2

Analyze 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 the current retail licenses. *(Sub Group / 3.2%)*

Mandate #3

Consider other legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes necessary to promote the three-tiered distribution system in Colorado. *(Sub Group / 3-Tier)*

Mandate #4

Examine and make recommendations regarding law governing tastings conducted on retail premises and the ability of retail liquor stores to sell growlers containing malt liquors. *(Sub Group / Tastings & Growlers)*

The Working Group decided to form three (3) subgroups to address the mandates in SB16-197.

- I. 3.2% Sub-Group | Patrick Maroney, Chair - Charles Carlson, Vice-Chair
 - i. Mandates #1 and #2 were combined into the 3.2% Subgroup.
 - ii. *Suggested Discussion Topics:* Will need to consider that 3.2% is currently allowed to be consumed in public, state parks and some golf courses. If 3.2 goes away... how will this be affected?
- II. 3-Tier Sub-Group | Ron Kammerzell, Chair - Donia Amick, Vice-Chair
- III. Tastings & Growlers | Lewis Koski, Chair - Kevin Bommer, Vice-Chair
 - i. *Suggested Discussion Topics:* Need to update based on current conditions (hours of operation, days open, malt liquor growlers in Retail Liquor Stores). Will need to get locals to opt in.

Future meetings: The subgroups will meet every month starting in October. Then every other month, the Statutory Working Group will meet on the same day following the subgroup meetings. Example: October (Sub Groups only); November (Sub-Groups and Statutory Working Group) and so on. Meeting dates, times & locations will be forthcoming.

The thought was to hold all meetings on the same day: subgroups at 8:00am, 10:00am and 1:00pm; and the Statutory Working Group at 3:00pm every other month. This will alleviate the need to have several meeting days each month. The group was committed to meeting for the entire day when needed.

Director Maroney opened the discussion to items not on the agenda and for public comment. One public comment: "If members do not speak directly into the microphones, the public seated in the back cannot hear them."

The meeting was adjourned 10:13am.