

*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:

~~(4)(b)~~(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, up to ~~three~~ ELEVEN additional retail liquor store licenses, for a maximum of ~~four~~ TWELVE total retail liquor store licenses; or

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-3-410, **amend** (4)(b)(IV) and (4)(b)(V) as follows:

**44-3-410. Liquor-licensed drugstore license – multiple licenses permitted – requirements – rules.** (4)(b) An owner, part owner, shareholder, or person interested directly or indirectly in a liquor-licensed drugstore may have an interest in:

~~(4)(b)~~(IV) For a liquor-licensed drugstore licensed on or before January 1, 2016, or a liquor-licensed drugstore licensee that was licensed as a liquor-licensed drugstore on February 21, 2016, that converted its license to a retail liquor store license after February 21, 2016, and that applied on or before May 1, 2017, to convert its retail liquor store license back to a liquor-licensed drugstore license, additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses as follows, but only if obtained in accordance with subsection (1)(b) of this section:

(A) On or after January 1, 2017, and before January 1, 2022, four additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of five total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses;

(B) On or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, up to seven additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of eight total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses; AND

(C) On or after January 1, 2027, ~~and before January 1, 2032,~~ up to ~~twelve~~ ELEVEN additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of ~~thirteen~~ TWELVE total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses.

~~(D) On or after January 1, 2032, and before January 1, 2037, up to nineteen additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of twenty total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses; and~~

~~————(E) On or after January 1, 2037, an unlimited number of additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses.~~

(V) For a liquor-licensed drugstore that submitted an application for a new liquor-licensed drugstore license before October 1, 2016, additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses as follows, but only if obtained in accordance with subsection (1)(b) of this section:

(A) On or after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2022, four additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of five total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses;

(B) On or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, up to seven additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of eight total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses; AND

(C) On or after January 1, 2027, ~~and before January 1, 2032,~~ up to ~~twelve~~ ELEVEN additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of ~~thirteen~~ TWELVE total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses.

~~(D) On or after January 1, 2032, and before January 1, 2037, up to nineteen additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses, for a maximum of twenty total liquor-licensed drugstore licenses; and~~

~~————(E) On or after January 1, 2037, an unlimited number of additional liquor-licensed drugstore licenses.~~

**SECTION 4. Effective date.** This measure shall go into effect upon the proclamation of the governor of the state of Colorado.