



Legislation Text

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**Requesting Agency:** Excise and Licenses  
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**Item Title & Description:**

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**A bill for an ordinance amending the effective date of the entertainment district and common consumption area chapter of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.**

Amends Article II of Chapter 6 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code by modifying the effective date for the common consumption area licensing pilot program. The Committee approved filing this item at its meeting on 4-21-21.

**Affected Council District(s) or citywide?**

**Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:**

*Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.*

In 2019, Denver City Council adopted an ordinance creating a five-year pilot program for a new license type allowing consumption of alcohol by persons over the age of 21 in designated common consumption areas. The current effective date for the beginning of the program is 90 days after passage of agency rules. This bill would reduce that window to 45 days after passage of agency rules.

One of the policy reasons for the original 90-day waiting period was to allow the Department the time necessary to prepare for acceptance of applications. With the delays in rulemaking caused

by the pandemic, the Department has had more time than anticipated to prepare for accepting applications. The 45-day window between rule passage and application acceptance will still allow interested applicants and neighborhood organizations time to re-familiarize themselves with the laws before the program begins.

**Address/Location (if applicable):**

**Legal Description (if applicable):**

**Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):**

**Draft Bill Attached?**