

HB25-1331: Marijuana Special Event & Hotel Delivery

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The Problem

Under current Colorado law, marijuana cannot be delivered to hotels, even for medical patients who may be staying in Denver for treatment. Additionally, there is no pathway for licensed cannabis businesses to host permitted, regulated special events. These outdated restrictions limit access for patients and hold back small businesses, especially social equity license holders, from new economic opportunities.

The Solution

HB25-1331 addresses these barriers by authorizing regulated marijuana delivery to hotels located in Colorado and allowing licensed cannabis businesses to apply for special event permits. The bill provides two new options for legal cannabis sales, both with clear regulatory safeguards and local control.

What the Bill Does

1. Hotel Delivery:

- Allows social equity license holders with delivery or transporter permits to deliver marijuana to registered hotels.
- Hotels must opt in through a city registry, and not serve alcohol.
- Delivery is subject to all existing marijuana laws and local approval.

2. Special Event Permits:

- Social equity license holders with hospitality licenses may apply for special event permits.
- Retail licensees may partner with qualifying social equity businesses.
- Events are capped at 15 days per year, with strict limits on hours, location, and public notification.

Why It Matters

- Increases access for medical marijuana patients staying in hotels.
- Creates new opportunities for social equity cannabis businesses.
- Encourages tourism and job growth in both cannabis and hospitality sectors.
- Ensures strong local oversight, transparency, and consumer protections.