

HB 16-1084—Home Brewing by Adult for Personal Use

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Purpose:

With changes in modern household demographics, more than one adult living in a household may choose to participate in brewing beer at home. The current laws limits the brewer to one adult who is designated as the “head of family”. This bill allows any adult in the household to brew beer, by changing “head of family” to “adult”. It also updates terminology from “family use” to “personal use”.

Background:

Home brewers, who brew in their home for personal use only, are restricted as to who in the household is allowed to brew the beer. In the “Colorado Liquor Code,” the law states that only the “head of the family” is allowed to homebrew without a liquor license as long as the homebrewed alcohol is not for sale. Who defines “head of family” and why is it limited to only one adult in a household? This bill reflects modern household demographics by allowing any adult or multiple adults in the household to brew beer in their home. This beer can only be used for personal use.

What this bill does:

Section (2) (a) of statute 12-47-106 of the Colorado Revised Statutes will be amended.

- The terminology “head of family” is changed to “adult”.
- It will allow multiple adults in the household to brew beer, not just limit it to one “head of family”.
- The terminology “family use” is changed to “personal use”.