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## **Cannabis Regulatory Updates**

# A NEED FOR BALANCE – HOW SB25-076'S REQUIREMENTS COULD HURT LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES IN COLORADO

By Jean Smith-Gonnell and Cole White

On January 22, lawmakers in Colorado introduced SB25-076, (the act) which aims to address concerns surrounding the availability of intoxicating products (including regulated cannabis products) within the state, especially to children and young adults. To address these concerns, the act would impose new requirements on licensed businesses related to serving sizes and labeling requirements and would restrict sales of certain products to adults under 26 years old. While the intent behind the act is to mitigate potential risks associated with high-potency cannabis, the approach taken is arguably too extreme and places excessive burdens on the industry. A more nuanced strategy is needed to balance public health concerns with the operational realities of licensed cannabis businesses.

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