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SENATE BILL 16-176

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT THE**
102 **DISTRIBUTION OF FIREARMS DURING A STATE OF DISASTER**
103 **EMERGENCY.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill eliminates the power of the governor to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during a state of disaster emergency.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-704, **amend**
3 (7) (h) as follows:

4 **24-33.5-704. The governor and disaster emergencies - expert**
5 **emergency epidemic response committee - creation.** (7) In addition to
6 any other powers conferred upon the governor by law, the governor may:

7 (h) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of
8 alcoholic beverages, ~~firearms~~, explosives, or combustibles;

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.