

SENATE No. 139

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act to deter underage drinking.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Richard J. Ross</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Michael R. Knapik</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 139) of Richard J. Ross, Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase penalties for certain minors involved in the attempt to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ SENATE
□ , NO. 130 OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act to deter underage drinking.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 34A of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:- In addition to the
3 sanctions contained in this chapter and elsewhere, any minor, 17 to 20 years and 9 months of
4 age, who purchases, attempts to purchase or consumes alcoholic beverages, and any minor who
5 is intoxicated in public or whose age is misrepresented to obtain alcoholic beverages shall also
6 be punished as follows:

7 A junior operator found delinquent or guilty of any of the above shall lose the junior
8 operator's driver's license until the junior operator attains the age of 21.

9 For a first offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be
10 fined an amount up to but not exceeding \$100 and 60 days loss of license. For a second offense
11 finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than \$100 nor
12 more than \$500 and 180 days loss of license. For a third offense finding of delinquency or guilty,
13 the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000 and loss of
14 license and up to 1 year, or the juvenile or defendant's 21st birthday, in the house of correction.