

**WORKING DRAFT**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Minor purchasing alcohol - license suspension.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages; specifying  
2 penalties for minors purchasing alcohol; providing for  
3 driver's license suspension as specified; and providing for  
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 12-6-101(c), and 31-7-129 by creating  
9 a new subsection (c), are amended to read:

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11 **12-6-101. Sale or possession prohibited; when**  
12 **possession unlawful; public drunkenness; falsification of**  
13 **identification; penalty; prima facie identification as**  
14 **defense.**

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1 (c) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years  
2 who attempts in any manner to purchase alcoholic or malt  
3 beverages or who falsifies any identification or uses any  
4 false identification in order to obtain alcoholic or malt  
5 beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction  
6 shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars  
7 (\$750.00), imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or  
8 both. Any minor convicted under this section may have his  
9 driver's license or permit suspended pursuant to W.S.  
10 31-7-129. The court shall forward to the department of  
11 transportation a copy of the record pertaining to the  
12 disposition of any minor convicted under this section. Any  
13 driver's license suspension or related records under this  
14 section shall not be the basis for any increase in  
15 insurance premiums or the cancellation of any insurance  
16 policy for a minor, his parents or guardian.

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**\*\*\* STAFF COMMENTS \*\*\***

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**W.S. 31-7-129 would allow for the Department of  
20 Transportation to use discretion on whether or  
21 not to suspend the license or permit. A decision  
22 will need to be made on whether or not to set  
23 specific guidelines for DOT to follow in using  
24 this discretion.**

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**31-7-129. Discretionary suspension of license.**

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