

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0011

Minors purchasing alcohol.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to minors and alcoholic beverages;
2 specifying penalties for minors purchasing or attempting to
3 purchase alcohol; providing for driver's license suspension
4 as specified; and providing for 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 31-7-128 by creating
9 a new subsection (n) 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. If it has been
6 determined by the jury, or a judge in a nonjury trial, that
7 a motor vehicle was used by a minor to facilitate the
8 offense, the judge may order a copy of the minor's record
9 of conviction under this subsection to be forwarded to the
10 department of transportation with a recommendation for
11 suspension of the minor's license or permit. The
12 department of transportation shall then suspend the minor's
13 driver's license or permit in accordance with W.S.
14 31-7-128(n). Any driver's license or permit suspension as
15 a result of a conviction under this subsection shall not be
16 the basis for any increase in insurance premiums or the
17 cancellation of any insurance policy for a minor, his
18 parents or guardian.

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20 **31-7-128. Mandatory suspension of license or**
21 **nonresident operating privilege for certain violations;**
22 **suspension of registration.**

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1 (n) Upon receiving a record of the licensee's
2 conviction under W.S. 12-6-101(c) with a recommendation of
3 suspension by the court, the division shall suspend a
4 license or permit of the driver as follows:

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6 (i) For a period of ninety (90) days for a first
7 offense of W.S. 12-6-101(c);

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9 (ii) For a period of six (6) months for a second
10 offense of W.S. 12-6-101(c);

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12 (iii) For a period of one (1) year for a third
13 or any subsequent conviction of W.S. 12-6-101(c).

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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