

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1223  
(Representatives Ista, Adams, Mock, O'Brien, Roers Jones, Vetter)  
(Senators Bakke, Heckaman, Kreun, Meyer)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 5-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the penalty for an individual under twenty-one years of age who consumes, purchases, or possesses an alcoholic beverage; and to provide a penalty.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**


**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-01-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**5-01-08. Individuals under twenty-one years of age prohibited from using alcoholic beverages or entering licensed premises - Penalty.**


1. Except as permitted in this section and section 5-02-06, an individual under twenty-one years of age may not manufacture or attempt to manufacture, purchase or attempt to purchase, consume or have recently consumed other than during a religious service, be under the influence of, be in possession of, or furnish money to any individual for the purchase of an alcoholic beverage.
2. An individual under twenty-one years of age may not enter any licensed premises where alcoholic beverages are being sold or displayed, except:
  - a. A restaurant if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
  - b. In accordance with section 5-02-06;
  - c. If the individual is an independent contractor or the independent contractor's employee engaged in contract work and is not engaged in selling, dispensing, delivering, or consuming alcoholic beverages;
  - d. If the individual is a law enforcement officer or other public official who enters the premises in the performance of official duty; or
  - e. If the individual enters the premises for training, education, or research purposes under the supervision of an individual twenty-one or more years of age with prior notification of the local licensing authority.
3. ~~A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.~~An individual who violates this section is guilty of an infraction. For a violation of subsection 1 or 2, the court also shall sentence a violator to an evidence-based alcohol and drug education program operated under rules adopted by the department of human services under section 50-06-44.
4. The court, under this section, may refer the individual to an outpatient addiction facility licensed by the department of human services for evaluation and appropriate counseling or treatment.
5. The offense of consumption occurs in the county of consumption or the county where the offender is arrested.
6. An individual under twenty-one years of age is immune from criminal prosecution under this section if that individual contacted law enforcement or emergency medical services and

reported that another individual under twenty-one years of age was in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption, provided assistance to the individual in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and remained on the scene, or was the individual in need of medical assistance and cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene. The maximum number of individuals that may be immune for any one occurrence is five individuals.

  
Speaker of the House

  
President of the Senate

  
Chief Clerk of the House

  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1223.

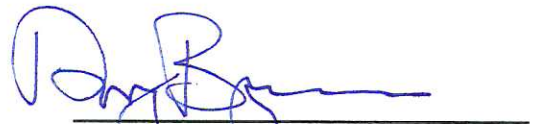
House Vote:      Yeas 81              Nays 11              Absent 2

Senate Vote:    Yeas 42              Nays 4              Absent 1

  
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 5:48 PM. on March 31, 2021.

  
Governor

Filed in this office this 1st day of April, 2021,  
at 8:20 o'clock A. M.

  
Secretary of State