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SENATE BILL 51

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

FOR THE DWI OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PRESCRIBING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR OR SERVING A MINOR; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 60-7B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 68, Section 22) is amended to read:

SELLING OR GIVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO "60-7B-1. MI NORS--POSSESSION. --

It is a violation of the Liquor Control Act for any person, including a person licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Liquor Control Act or any employee, agent or lessee of that person, if he knows or has reason to know that he is violating the provisions of this section, to:

> sell, serve or give any alcoholic beverages (1)

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to a minor or permit a minor to consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises;

- (2) buy alcoholic beverages for or procure the sale or service of alcoholic beverages to a minor;
 - (3) deliver alcoholic beverages to a minor; or
- (4) aid or assist a minor to buy, procure or be served with alcoholic beverages.

B. It is not a violation of the Liquor Control Act, as provided in Subsection A of this section, when a parent or legal guardian of a minor serves alcoholic beverages to the minor on real property, other than licensed premises, under the control of the parent or legal guardian.

[B.] C. It is a violation of the Liquor Control Act for any minor to buy, attempt to buy, receive, possess or permit himself to be served with any alcoholic beverages.

[C.-]D. In the event any person except a minor procures any other person to sell, serve or deliver any alcoholic beverages to a minor by actual or constructive misrepresentation of any facts calculated to cause, or by a concealment of any facts the concealment of which is calculated to cause, the person selling, serving or delivering the alcoholic beverages to the minor to believe that such minor is legally entitled to be sold, served or delivered alcoholic beverages and actually deceiving him by such misrepresentation or concealment, then that person and not the person so deceived

by such misrepresentation or concealment shall have violated the Liquor Control Act.

[D.]<u>E.</u> As used in the Liquor Control Act, "minor" means any person under twenty-one years of age.

[E.] F. Violation of this section by a minor with respect to possession is a petty misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the offender may be sentenced in accordance with Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978. Any sentence imposed pursuant to this subsection may be suspended in the discretion of the court upon the condition that:

- of his driver's license for a period not to exceed three months, whereupon the trial court may dismiss the possession of alcoholic beverage charge and it shall not be considered a conviction. In the event the minor's driver's license is to be suspended, the trial court shall inform the motor vehicle division of the taxation and revenue department of the action; provided, however, if the minor drives during the period of suspension, then the court may impose a fine, jail sentence or both, such fine and sentence not to exceed the maximums imposed for petty misdemeanors or may impose punishment pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this subsection; and
- (2) the minor assist in a community project designated by the court, up to fifty hours, whereupon the trial court may dismiss the possession of alcoholic beverage charge

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and it shall not be considered a conviction."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

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1 FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE 2 FIRST SESSION, 1997 5 February 3, 1997 6 7 Mr. President: 9 Your **PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**, to whom has been **10** 11 referred 12 13 **SENATE BILL 51** 14 **15** has had it under consideration and reports same with 16 recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the 17 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. **18 19** 20 Respectfully submitted, 21 22 23 24 25 Shannon Robinson, Chairman

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