

By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition of Coleen M. Garry and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to further regulate the illegal consumption of alcohol by persons under twenty-one years of age. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Three.
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AN ACT PROHIBITING CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

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 34C of Chapter 138 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:—

5 Whoever, being under twenty-one years of age and not accom-
6 panied by a parent or legal guardian, consumes, possesses, trans-
7 ports or carries on his person, any alcohol or alcoholic beverages,
8 shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for the
9 first offense and not more than one hundred and fifty dollars for a
10 second or subsequent offense; provided, however, that this section
11 shall not apply to a person between the ages of eighteen and
12 twenty-one who knowingly possesses, transports or carries on his
13 person, alcohol or alcoholic beverages in the course of employ-
14 ment.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 34C, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word “violates”, in the second sen-
3 tence, the following words:— “or has violated.”

1 SECTION 3. Said Section 34C, as so appearing, is hereby fur-
2 ther amended by inserting after the second sentence, the following
3 sentence:—

4 An offense under Section 34C may be prosecuted either in the
5 jurisdiction where consumption occurs or the jurisdiction where
6 evidence of consumption is observed.