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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 15, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-8-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-8 entitled "Regulation of  
2 Sales" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-8-10. Possession of beverage by underage persons.**

4 Any person who has not reached his or her twenty-first (21st) birthday and has in his or  
5 her possession any beverage as defined in this title shall be fined one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)  
6 to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) for the first offense, three hundred dollars (\$300) to seven  
7 hundred fifty dollars (\$750) for the second offense, and four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) to nine  
8 hundred fifty dollars (\$950) for the third or subsequent offense. In addition, any person who  
9 violates this section shall be required to perform thirty (30) hours of community service and shall  
10 be subject to a minimum sixty (60) day suspension of his or her driver's license, and upon a  
11 second offense may be ordered to undergo a substance abuse assessment by a licensed substance  
12 abuse professional. [Notwithstanding the provisions of §11-1-2, any offense committed under this](#)  
13 [section shall be a violation.](#)

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age who is  
2 convicted of possession of an alcoholic beverage has committed a violation, and not a felony or  
3 misdemeanor.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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