

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**F. Jay Barrows**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to underage alcohol consumption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.

*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: Chapter 138, Section 34C of the General Laws is hereby amended in the first line by inserting  
2 the following after the phrase after “ ... any alcohol or alcoholic beverages ...”

3 (a) or who demonstrates a visible and discernible level of intoxication to a law enforcement  
4 official that is detrimental to the to the general welfare and a threat to public safety,

5 Section 2: Chapter 138, Section 34C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking the following  
6 sentence “... by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for the first offense and not more than one hundred  
7 and fifty dollars for a second or subsequent offense” and inserting thereof in its place, the following –

8 (a) For the first offense a fine of not less than \$250 and enrollment in a youth oriented education  
9 program for alcohol abuse.

10 (b) For the second offense a fine of not less than \$500 and a suspension of driving privileges and  
11 licenses for a period of ninety days if applicable. In the event of a minor operating a vehicle under  
12 the influence of alcohol, a letter from the arresting police department to the automotive insurance  
13 carrier of said individual informing them of the offense

14 Section 3: This act shall take effect upon passage.