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SENATE . . . . . No. 130

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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:

An Act to deter underage drinking.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐

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By Mr. Ross, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 130) of Richard J. Ross, George T. Ross, Michael R. Knapik and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to increase penalties for certain minors involved in the attempt to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *3871* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to deter underage drinking.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 34A of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following paragraph:- In addition to the sanctions contained in this chapter and elsewhere, any minor, 17 to 20 years and 9 months of age, who purchases, attempts to purchase or consumes alcoholic beverages, and any minor who is intoxicated in public or whose age is misrepresented to obtain alcoholic beverages shall also be punished as follows:

A junior operator found delinquent or guilty of any of the above shall lose the junior operator's driver’s license until the junior operator attains the age of 21.

For a first offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined an amount up to but not exceeding $100 and 60 days loss of license. For a second offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than $100 nor more than $500 and 180 days loss of license. For a third offense finding of delinquency or guilty, the juvenile or defendant may be fined not less than $100 nor more than $1000 and loss of license and up to 1 year, or the juvenile or defendant's 21st birthday, in the house of correction.