

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1277**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand 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  
2 line by inserting the following after the phrase after “ ... any alcohol or alcoholic beverages ...”

3           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  
6 the following sentence “... by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for the first offense and not  
7 more than one hundred and fifty dollars for a second or subsequent offense” and inserting thereof  
8 in its place, the following –

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

11           For the second offense a fine of not less than \$500 and a suspension of driving privileges  
12 and licenses for a period of ninety days if applicable. In the event of a minor operating a vehicle

13 under the influence of alcohol, a letter from the arresting police department to the automotive  
14 insurance carrier of said individual informing them of the offense

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