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HOUSE . . . . . No. 98

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:

An Act relative to underage alcohol consumption.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 98) of F. Jay Barrows and others relative to the penalties for underage alcohol consumption. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1277* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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:

Section 1: Chapter 138, Section 34C of the General Laws is hereby amended in the first line by inserting the following after the phrase after " … any alcohol or alcoholic beverages …"

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

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

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

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

Section 3: This act shall take effect upon passage.