

**7.1-5-7-7. Illegal possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by minor.**

(a) Subject to IC 7.1-5-1-6.5, it is a Class C misdemeanor for a minor to knowingly:

- (1) possess an alcoholic beverage;
- (2) consume an alcoholic beverage; or
- (3) transport an alcoholic beverage on a public highway when not accompanied by at least one (1) of the minor's parents or guardians.

(b) If a minor is found to have violated subsection (a)(2) or (a)(3) while operating a vehicle, the court may order the minor's driving privileges suspended for up to one (1) year. However, if the minor is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the court shall order the minor's driving privileges suspended for at least sixty (60) days.

(c) The court shall deliver any order suspending a minor's driving privileges under this section to the bureau of motor vehicles, which shall suspend the minor's driving privileges under IC 9-24-18-12.2 for the period ordered by the court.

**7.1-5-7-8. Furnishing alcohol to minor.**

(a) It is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to:

- (1) recklessly, knowingly or intentionally sell, barter, exchange, provide, or furnish an alcoholic beverage to a minor; or
- (2) knowingly or intentionally:
  - (A) rent property; or
  - (B) provide or arrange for the use of property;

for the purpose of allowing or enabling a minor to consume an alcoholic beverage on the property.

(b) However, the offense described in subsection (a) is:

- (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated conviction under this section; and
- (2) a Level 6 felony if the consumption, ingestion, or use of the alcoholic beverage is the proximate cause of the serious bodily injury or death of any person.

(c) This section shall not be construed to impose civil liability upon any postsecondary educational institution, including public and private universities and colleges, business schools, vocational schools, and schools for continuing

education, or its agents for injury to any person or property sustained in consequence of a violation of this section unless the institution or its agent:

- (1) sells, barter, exchanges, provides, or furnishes an alcoholic beverage to a minor; or
- (2) either:
  - (A) rents property; or
  - (B) provides or arranges for the use of property;

for the purpose of allowing or enabling a minor to consume an alcoholic beverage on the property.

**7.1-5-7-9. Taking child into tavern.**

(a) It is a Class C infraction for a parent, guardian, trustee, or other person having custody of a child under eighteen (18) years of age to take that child into a tavern, bar, or other public place where alcoholic beverages are sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, provided, or furnished.

(b) It is a Class C infraction for a permittee to permit the parent, guardian, trustee, or other person having custody of the child under eighteen (18) years of age to be in or around the prohibited place with the child.

**7.1-5-7-10. Minors in taverns.**

(a) It is a Class C infraction for a minor to knowingly or intentionally be in a tavern, bar, or other public place where alcoholic beverages are sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, provided, or furnished.

(b) It is a Class C misdemeanor for a permittee to recklessly permit a minor to be in the prohibited place beyond a reasonable time in which an ordinary prudent person can check identification to confirm the age of a patron.

**7.1-5-7-11. Lawful presence of minors in public places where alcoholic beverages are dispensed.**

(a) The provisions of sections 9 and 10 of this chapter shall not apply if the public place involved in one (1) of the following:

- (1) Civic center.
- (2) Convention center.
- (3) Sports arena.
- (4) Bowling center.
- (5) Bona fide club.