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ARTICLE V. Prohibition of Underage Drinking on Private Property
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§ 137-30. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

GUARDIAN

A person who has qualified as a guardian of the underage person pursuant to testamentary or court appointment.

RELATIVE

The underage person's grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling or any other person related by blood or affinity.

§ 137-31. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under legal age on private property prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person who is under the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages to knowingly possess without legal authority or knowingly consume any alcoholic beverage on private property.

§ 137-32. Violations and penalties.

Any person convicted or adjudicated for violating the terms of this article shall be subject to the following penalties:

A. First offense: fine not to exceed \$250.

B. Second or subsequent offenses: fine not to exceed \$350.

§ 137-33. Exceptions.

A. This article shall not prohibit beverage possession or consumption in connection with a religious observance, ceremony or rite or consuming or possessing an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian or relative who has attained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

B. This article shall not prohibit the possession of alcoholic beverages by any underage person while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a person who was licensed under Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, or while actively engaged in the preparation of food while enrolled in a culinary arts or hotel management program at a county vocational school or post-secondary educational institution; however, this article shall not be construed to preclude the imposition of a penalty under this section, N.J.S.A. 33:1-81, or any other section of the law against a person who is convicted of unlawful alcoholic beverage activity on or at premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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