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ARTICLE VI. Legality of Minors Consuming Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property

[Adopted 8-1-2000 by Ord. No. 1373]

§ 114-30. Prohibited acts; exceptions.

It shall be unlawful for any minor, under the age of 21 years, to knowingly possess or knowingly consume any alcoholic beverage upon private property except as otherwise set forth herein.

A. A minor under the age of 21 years may possess or consume an alcoholic beverage in connection with a religious observance, ceremony or rite or consume or possess an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a parent, guardian or relative who has obtained the legal age to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

B. A minor under the age of 21 years may possess alcoholic beverages while actually engaged in the performance of employment by a person who is licensed under Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey or while such minor is 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.

§ 114-31. Definitions; violations and penalties.

A. The definitions contained in N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 c. (2) shall be applicable to this article.

B. Anyone convicted of a violation of this article shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and \$350 for any subsequent offense. In addition thereto, the sentencing court may, in addition to the fine authorized herein, suspend or postpone for six months the driving privileges of the defendant. If the defendant, at the time of sentencing, is less than 17 years of age, the period of license postponement, including a suspension or postponement of the privilege of operating a motorized bicycle, shall commence on the day the sentence is imposed and shall run for a period of six months after the person reaches the age of 17 years.

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