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ARTICLE III. Possession or Consumption by Underage Persons on Private Property

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§ 101-21. 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 a testamentary or court appointment.

RELATIVE

The underage person's mother, father, grandparent, aunt or uncle who is 21 years of age or older or any other person related by blood or affinity.

§ 101-22. Consumption or possession prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any underage person to knowingly consume or possess an alcoholic beverage on private property.

§ 101-23. Exceptions.

The following is a list of exceptions to § [101-22](#) above:

A. Any underage person who possesses or consumes an alcoholic beverage(s) in connection with a religious observance, ceremony, or rite or who possesses or consumes 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 or consume alcoholic beverages.

B. Any underage person who possesses, but does not consume, an alcoholic beverage and is in the course of performing employment duties for a person or entity who is licensed under Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated.

C. Any underage person who possesses or consumes an alcoholic beverage within the confines of a private residence owned or resided in by the parent, guardian or relative of the underage person, said relative being of the age to legally possess or consume alcohol.

§ 101-24. Violations and penalties.

Any person found guilty of violating the terms and provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and \$350 for the second or any subsequent offense. In addition to such fines, the Court may, in its sole discretion, suspend or postpone for up to six (6) months the driving privilege of said persons. The Court may, in its sole discretion, require the performance of community service for a period not to exceed 30 days.

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