

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Smith J., Stiegler, Barker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Shields, Whisnant
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Meeting Dates:	4/15, 4/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes penalties for employees of off-premises sales licensees who unknowingly sell liquor to a minor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Proportionality in punishment
- Graduated scale increasing punishment for subsequent offenses
- Limited number of offenses

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Under current law, if a clerk at a store sells alcohol to a minor, the clerk may be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and will be fired from their job. HB 3343A provides that if a clerk at a store *unknowingly* sells alcohol to a minor, and has taken an alcohol server education class, then the offense is a Class A violation. While the first and second offenses are violations, the fine increases with each offense (from \$250 to \$500). The third offense for unknowingly selling alcohol to a minor becomes a Class A misdemeanor with a mandatory \$1,000 fine.