

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 998  
HOUSE BILL 399

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES SO AS TO CREATE  
2 A PRESUMPTION OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE AGE OF A PURCHASER OF MALT  
3 BEVERAGES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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7 **Section 1.** Chapter 18 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new  
8 section to be codified as G.S. 18-78.2 and to read as follows:

9 **G.S. 18-78.2. Presumption of knowledge of age of purchaser.** Whenever a sale of beverages  
10 as defined in Sec. 18-64 is made to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years, it shall be  
11 prima facie evidence that the person making the sale had knowledge that the purchaser was  
12 under the age of eighteen (18) years. Such prima facie evidence may be rebutted by showing  
13 that the purchaser produced for inspection a drivers license, selective service card, school  
14 identification card, or military identification card showing the age of the purchaser to be  
15 eighteen (18) years or more and the description of the physical appearance of the person on the  
16 identification card reasonably describes the purchaser. In the absence of such identification, the  
17 prima facie evidence of knowledge of age may be rebutted by the vendor by other evidence  
18 which reasonably indicated at the time of sale that the purchaser was eighteen (18) years of age  
19 or more.

20 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

21 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

22 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of June,  
23 1969.