

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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SENATE BILL 120

Short Title: Up Some Underage Sales Penalties.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran; Carpenter, Cochrane, Forrester, Foxx, Garwood, Hartsell, Jordan, Metcalf, Moore, Phillips, and Shaw of Guilford.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 17, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES RELATED TO UNDERAGE DRINKING.

Whereas, underage drinking has always been a matter of grave concern for the General Assembly; and

Whereas, Parents Who Care About Underage Drinking in Catawba County became involved and concerned about recent incidences of death and hospitalization due to alcohol poisoning of teens in their county; and

Whereas, following supporting data from Catawba County is probably similar to the situations in most, if not all, of North Carolina's counties:

(1) 65% of 8th graders; 75% of 10th graders; and 89% of seniors report having consumed alcohol at least once.

(2) 48% of 8th graders; 75% of 10th graders; and 76% of seniors report having consumed alcohol within the last 12 months.

(3) 24% of 8th graders; 47% of 10th graders; and 51% of seniors report having consumed alcohol within the last month.

(4) 24% of 10th graders and 32% of seniors report having consumed alcohol three or more times during the last month before the survey was taken.

(5) 14% of 8th graders; 28% of 10th graders; and 36% of seniors having reported to have drunk more than five drinks in a row during the two weeks before the survey was taken.

(6) 11% of 10th graders and 14% of seniors having reported to have drunk more than five drinks in a row as much as three or more times within the three weeks before the survey was taken; and