

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 3067 Session of 1994

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INTRODUCED BY BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, FAJT, GORDNER, VEON, CAWLEY,  
ROBERTS, LUCYK, MELIO, CLARK, SAYLOR, PHILLIPS, EGOLF,  
SATHER, NAILOR, ARMSTRONG, HERSHEY, TRELLO, PRESTON, VANCE,  
YANDRISEVITS, MICOZZIE, JOSEPHS AND MARSICO,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the sale of certain  
3 beverages to persons under 21 years of age.

4 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

5 The youth of Pennsylvania are the greatest resource of this  
6 Commonwealth and the Commonwealth finds that the protection of  
7 minors from the possible abuse of alcohol is of great  
8 importance.

9 The Commonwealth seeks to prevent minors from using alcoholic  
10 products. Nonalcoholic beer, wine and liquor contain amounts of  
11 alcohol and often taste, look and smell like legitimate  
12 alcoholic products. Therefore, the Commonwealth has a purpose in  
13 the restriction of sales of these products to minors.

14 Nonalcoholic beverages are made for those who want to enjoy  
15 the taste of alcohol without the effects of alcohol and should  
16 never be intended to introduce the youth of this Commonwealth to  
17 drinking beer, wine or liquor.

1       The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
2 hereby enacts as follows:

3       Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
4 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

5   § 6310.7. Selling or furnishing nonalcoholic beverages to  
6               persons under 21 years of age.

7       (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a summary offense if  
8 he intentionally and knowingly sells or furnishes nonalcoholic  
9 beverages to any person under 21 years of age.

10      (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the term  
11 "nonalcoholic beverage" means any beverage having some alcohol  
12 content but does not contain more than 0.5% alcohol by volume.

13      Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.