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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator John C. Rafferty

DATE: November 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship – Furnishing Alcohol to Minors Resulting in Injury or Death (#41)

I will re-introduce legislation, SB849, that will amend Title 18 (Crimes Code) by adding a new section to provide for an offense relating to selling or furnishing liquor to minors resulting in bodily injury, seriously bodily injury or death.

This legislation states that if a person sells or furnishes any liquor, malt or brewed beverage to a minor:

- (1) and the minor suffers bodily injury or causes another person to suffer bodily injury as a result of ingesting that liquor, malt or brewed beverage, the person commits a 2nd degree misdemeanor (punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or up to 2 years in prison);
- (2) and the minor suffers serious bodily injury or causes another person to suffer serious bodily injury as a result of ingesting that liquor, malt or brewed beverage, the person commits a 1st degree misdemeanor (punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or up to 5 years in prison); and
- (3) and the minor dies or causes another person to die as a result of ingesting that liquor, malt or brewed beverage, the person commits a 3rd degree felony (punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison).

The provisions of this legislation would not affect any religious service or ceremony which may be conducted in a private home or place of worship where the amount of wine served does not exceed the amount reasonably, customarily and traditionally required as an integral part of the service or ceremony.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cecilia Boyer at cboyer@pasen.gov or call 787-1398.