

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1458**

Introduced by

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Senator Andrist

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating the delivery of alcohol to an underage individual; to amend and reenact  
3 sections 5-01-09, 5-02-06, and 14-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the  
4 penalty for delivery of alcohol to an underage individual; and to provide a penalty.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended  
7 and reenacted as follows:

8 **5-01-09. Delivery to certain persons unlawful.**

- 9 1. Any individual ~~who~~ knowingly ~~delivering~~delivers alcoholic beverages to an individual  
10 under twenty-one years of age ~~if the violator is under-twenty-one years of age~~, except  
11 as allowed under section 5-02-06, or to a habitual drunkard, an incompetent, or an  
12 obviously intoxicated individual is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, subject to sections  
13 5-01-08, 5-01-08.1, and 5-01-08.2. An individual twenty-one years of age or older who  
14 knowingly delivers alcoholic beverages to an individual under twenty-one years of age  
15 is guilty of a class C felony, subject to sections 5-01-08, 5-01-08.1, and 5-01-08.2.  
16 2. An individual under twenty-one years of age is immune from criminal prosecution  
17 under this section if that individual contacted law enforcement or emergency medical  
18 services and reported that another individual under twenty-one years of age was in  
19 need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption, provided assistance to the  
20 individual in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and remained on the  
21 scene and cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the  
22 scene, or was the individual in need of medical assistance. The maximum number of  
23 individuals that may be immune for any one occurrence is five individuals.

- 1           3. If an individual is convicted of this section for delivering alcoholic beverages to an  
2 individual under twenty-one years of age, the court shall consider the following in  
3 mitigation:
- 4           a. After consuming the alcohol, the underage individual was in need of medical  
5 assistance as a result of consuming alcohol; and
- 6           b. Within twelve hours after the underage individual consumed the alcohol, the  
7 defendant contacted law enforcement or emergency medical personnel to report  
8 that the underage individual was in need of medical assistance as a result of  
9 consuming alcohol.

10           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-02-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended  
11 and reenacted as follows:

12           **5-02-06. Prohibitions for individuals under twenty-one years of age - Penalty -**  
13 **Exceptions.**

- 14           1. ~~Except as permitted in this section, a~~ licensee who dispenses alcoholic beverages to  
15 an individual under twenty-one years of age, ~~or is guilty of a class C felony, subject to~~  
16 sections 5-01-08, 5-01-08.1, and 5-01-08.2. ~~Except as permitted in this section, a~~  
17 licensee who permits an individual under twenty-one years of age to remain on the  
18 licensed premises while alcoholic beverages are being sold or displayed, is guilty of a  
19 class A misdemeanor, subject to sections 5-01-08, 5-01-08.1, and 5-01-08.2.
- 20           2. An individual under twenty-one years of age may not remain in a restaurant where  
21 alcoholic beverages are being sold except if the restaurant is separated from the room  
22 in which alcoholic beverages are opened or mixed and gross sales of food are at least  
23 equal to gross sales of alcoholic beverages which are consumed in the dining area, or  
24 if the individual is employed by the restaurant as a food waiter, food waitress, busboy,  
25 or busgirl under the direct supervision of an individual twenty-one or more years of age  
26 and is not engaged in the sale, dispensing, delivery, or consumption of alcoholic  
27 beverages.
- 28           3. An individual under twenty-one years of age may enter and remain on the licensed  
29 premises if the individual is an independent contractor or the independent contractor's  
30 employee engaged in contract work and is not engaged in selling, dispensing,  
31 delivering, or consuming alcoholic beverages; if the individual is a law enforcement

1 officer or other public official who enters the premises in the performance of official  
2 duty; or if the individual enters the licensed premises for training, education, or  
3 research purposes under the supervision of an individual twenty-one or more years of  
4 age with prior notification of the local licensing authority.

5 4. An individual under twenty-one years of age may remain in an area of a site where  
6 beer, wine, or sparkling wine is sold in accordance with the conditions of an event  
7 permit issued pursuant to section 5-02-01.1.

8 5. An individual who is eighteen years of age or older but under twenty-one years of age  
9 may be employed by a restaurant as provided in subsection 2 to serve and collect  
10 money for alcoholic beverages, if the individual is under the direct supervision of an  
11 individual twenty-one or more years of age, but may not be engaged in mixing,  
12 dispensing, or consuming alcoholic beverages. Any establishment where alcoholic  
13 beverages are sold may employ individuals from eighteen to twenty-one years of age  
14 to work in the capacity of musicians under the direct supervision of an individual  
15 twenty-one or more years of age.

16 6. For purposes of this section, an individual is not twenty-one years of age until  
17 eight a.m. on that individual's twenty-first birthday.

18 7. If an individual is convicted of this section, the court shall consider the following in  
19 mitigation:

20 a. After consuming the alcohol, the underage individual was in need of medical  
21 assistance as a result of consuming alcohol; and

22 b. Within twelve hours after the underage individual consumed the alcohol, the  
23 defendant contacted law enforcement or emergency medical personnel to report  
24 that the underage individual was in need of medical assistance as a result of  
25 consuming alcohol.

26 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 12.1-31 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
27 and enacted as follows:

28 **Arrest for certain alcohol offenses required.**

29 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a law enforcement officer who has a reasonable  
30 suspicion that a specific individual has committed a felony alcohol-related violation of section  
31 5-01-09, 5-02-06, or 14-10-06, the law enforcement officer shall arrest that individual. A violation

1 of this section is a class C felony and the appropriate state's attorney shall charge the crime if  
2 an affidavit of facts that supports the crime is provided to the state's attorney.

3 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 14-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **14-10-06. Unlawful to encourage or contribute to the deprivation or delinquency of**  
6 **minor - Penalty.**

- 7 1. Any individual who by any act willfully encourages, causes, or contributes to the  
8 delinquency or deprivation of any minor is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. If the act is  
9 done by an individual twenty-one years of age or older and the act includes the  
10 delivery of alcoholic beverages to an individual under twenty-one years of age, the  
11 individual is guilty of a class C felony.
- 12 2. Any individual who by any act willfully encourages, causes, or contributes to the  
13 deprivation of a child less than sixteen years of age by causing that child to engage in  
14 sexual conduct as defined under section 12.1-27.2-01, in any play, motion picture,  
15 photograph, dance, or other visual representation is guilty of a class C felony.
- 16 3. If an individual is convicted of this section for encouraging, causing, or contributing to  
17 the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor, the court shall  
18 consider the following in mitigation:
- 19 a. After consuming the alcohol, the underage individual was in need of medical  
20 assistance as a result of consuming alcohol; and
- 21 b. Within twelve hours after the underage individual consumed the alcohol, the  
22 defendant contacted law enforcement or emergency medical personnel to report  
23 that the underage individual was in need of medical assistance as a result of  
24 consuming alcohol.