

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2059

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5 By: Representative Laverty

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 3-3-203 TO  
10 INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF  
11 PURCHASING OR POSSESSING INTOXICATING LIQUOR BY A MINOR;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FINE FOR THE  
16 CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF PURCHASING OR  
17 POSSESSING INTOXICATING LIQUOR BY A  
18 MINOR"

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 3-3-203 is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 "3-3-203. Purchase or possession by minor.

25 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one  
26 (21) years to purchase or have in possession any intoxicating liquor, wine, or  
27 beer.

28 (2) For the purposes of this section, intoxicating liquor, wine,  
29 or beer in the body of a minor shall not be deemed to be in his possession.

30 (b) It shall also be unlawful for any adult to purchase on behalf of a  
31 person under the age of twenty-one (21) years any intoxicating liquor, wine,  
32 or beer.

33 (c) Any person violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a  
34 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than  
35 ~~ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred  
36 dollars (\$500).

1 (d) In addition to the penalty herein provided, the trial judge or  
2 magistrate may impose the following penalty or penalties or any combination  
3 thereof:

4 (1) Requiring persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years to  
5 write themes or essays on intoxicating liquors, wine, or beer;

6 (2) Placement of a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years  
7 under probationary conditions as determined by the court in its reasonable  
8 discretion designed as a reasonable and suitable preventive and educational  
9 safeguard to prevent future violations of this section by the person."

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11 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
22 hereby repealed.

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