

Amendment No. 1 to SB0038

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 38\*

House Bill No. 250

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-404(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(3)

(A) As used in this subdivision (a)(3), "underage adult" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

(B) It is an offense for any owner, occupant, or other person having a lawful right to the exclusive use and enjoyment of property to knowingly allow a person to consume alcoholic beverages, wine or beer on such property, provided the owner, occupant, or other person knows that at the time of the offense the person consuming is an underage adult.

(C) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under subdivision (a)(3)(B) that the defendant acted upon a reasonably held belief that the underage adult was twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

(D) Subdivision (a)(3)(B) does not apply to consumption or possession of a de minimis quantity of alcohol or wine by an underage adult as permitted by § 1-3-113(b)(2).

(E) Nothing in this subdivision (a)(3)(B) shall be construed, in any way whatsoever, to affect:

(i) Standards for imposing civil liability on social hosts pursuant to § 57-10-101;

(ii) Standards, established pursuant to § 37-1-156(a), for imposing criminal liability on adults who contribute or encourage the delinquency or unruly behavior of a child, as defined in § 37-1-102(b)(4); or

(iii) Standards, established pursuant to § 39-11-404, for imposing criminal liability on corporations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.