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## **Testimony to the Committee on General Law**

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Senator Thomas Colpietro, Representative Jim Shapiro and members of the General Law Committee, we are submitting this testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Police Chief's Association (CPCA).

**We oppose RB 5229, An Act Requiring Law Enforcement Reporting Of The Service Of Alcohol To Minors.**

We are opposing this Bill for a number of reasons. This Bill (should it pass) would have Law Enforcement providing the Commissioner of Consumer Protection not later than one week after the start of an investigation regarding the serious injury or death of a person under the age of twenty-one years of age served alcoholic beverages by a permitted person under title 30. Since it is not stated within the proposed Bill, it appears both a criminal and motor vehicle investigation.

First, with these types of investigations, the Law Enforcement investigation is just beginning within the first week and that information may not be available. Second, until the Law Enforcement investigation is completed, Consumer Protection should not be starting a separate investigation that may and will interfere with Law Enforcement's.

This Bill is not necessary, at the conclusion of the Law Enforcement investigation, if it has been determined that a violation has occurred under title 30, notification by Law Enforcement through the current referral process is sufficient.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association cannot support this Bill and recommends that it not be approved.