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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-144—HB 5336
General Law Committee
Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR
BY MINORS**

SUMMARY: Prior law required a person who owns or controls private property, including a dwelling unit, to make reasonable efforts to prevent a minor (under age 21) from illegally possessing alcohol on the property. This act requires the property owner to know that the minor possesses alcohol on the property before being required to make such efforts.

By law, unchanged by the act, it is also a violation if the person knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence permits a minor to possess alcohol illegally in the unit or on the property.

By law and under the act, violators are guilty of a class A misdemeanor (see Table on Penalties).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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