

### **IC 7.1-1-3-25**

#### **Minor**

Sec. 25. Minor. The term "minor" means a person less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

*(Formerly: Acts 1973, P.L.55, SEC.1.)*

### **IC 7.1-5-7-7**

#### **Illegal possession**

Sec. 7. (a) Subject to IC 7.1-5-1-6.5, it is a Class C misdemeanor for a minor to knowingly:

- (1) possess an alcoholic beverage;
- (2) consume an alcoholic beverage; or

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(3) transport an alcoholic beverage on a public highway when not accompanied by at least one (1) of the minor's parents or guardians.

(b) If a minor is found to have violated subsection (a) while operating a vehicle, the court may order the minor's driving privileges suspended for up to one (1) year.

However, if the minor is less than eighteen (18) years of age, the court shall order the minor's driving privileges suspended for at least sixty (60) days.

(c) The court shall deliver any order suspending a minor's driving privileges under this section to the bureau of motor vehicles, which shall suspend the minor's driving privileges under IC 9-24-18-12 for the period ordered by the court.

*(Formerly: Acts 1973, P.L.55, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1978, P.L.2, SEC.710; Acts 1982, P.L.69, SEC.15; P.L.53-1994, SEC.1; P.L.93-2012, SEC.5; P.L.125-2012, SEC.2.*

### **IC 7.1-5-1-6.5**

#### **Request medical assistance; prohibited from being taken into custody; immune from criminal prosecution; prohibited from initiating action against law enforcement officer**

Sec. 6.5. (a) A law enforcement officer may not take a person into custody based solely on the commission of an offense involving alcohol described in subsection (b) if the law enforcement officer, after making a reasonable determination and considering the facts and surrounding circumstances, reasonably believes that all of the following apply:

(1) The law enforcement officer has contact with the person because the person either:

(A) requested emergency medical assistance; or  
(B) acted in concert with another person who requested emergency medical assistance;

for an individual who reasonably appeared to be in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption.

(2) The person described in subdivision (1)(A) or (1)(B):

(A) provided:

(i) the person's full name; and

(ii) any other relevant information requested by the law enforcement officer;

(B) remained at the scene with the individual who reasonably appeared to be in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption until emergency medical assistance arrived; and

(C) cooperated with emergency medical assistance personnel and law enforcement officers at the scene.

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(b) A person who meets the criteria of subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense under:

(1) section 3 of this chapter if the offense involved a state of intoxication caused by the person's use of alcohol;

(2) section 6 of this chapter if the offense involved the person being, or becoming, intoxicated as a result of the person's use of alcohol; and

(3) IC 7.1-5-7-7.

(c) A person may not initiate or maintain an action against a law enforcement officer based on the officer's compliance or failure to comply with this section.

*As added by P.L.93-2012, SEC.4.*