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**AMEND UNDERAGE DRINKING
PENALTIES**

House Bill 5501

Sponsor: Rep. Penny Crissman

Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights

Complete to 11-13-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5501 AS INTRODUCED 1-11-96

House Bill 5501 would amend the Liquor Control Act to add to the potential penalties provided for first time violations of the laws prohibiting minors under the age of 21 from purchasing, consuming, possessing or attempting to purchase, consume, or possess alcoholic liquor. The offense is a misdemeanor, and first time offenders may be fined up to \$100 and may be ordered to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at their own expense. The bill would provide that such offenders could also be ordered to take part in substance abuse prevention or substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services as defined in the Public Health Code and as designated by the administrator of substance abuse services, in addition to the current penalties contained in the act.

In addition, the bill would correct a citation to a reference to the statutory provisions regarding the emancipation of minors.

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