

CHAPTER 437

S.B. No. 55

AN ACT

relating to providing an alcoholic beverage to a minor; defining an offense.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 1.08 to read as follows:

*Sec. 1.08. CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE DEFINED. For purposes of this code, a person acts with criminal negligence if the person acts with a mental state that would constitute criminal negligence under Chapter 6, Penal Code, if the act were an offense.*

SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 61.71, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission or administrator may suspend for not more than 60 days or cancel an original or renewal retail dealer's on- or off-premise license if it is found, after notice and hearing, that the licensee:

(1) violated a provision of this code or a rule of the commission during the existence of the license sought to be cancelled or suspended or during the immediately preceding license period;

(2) was finally convicted for violating a penal provision of this code;

(3) was finally convicted of a felony while holding an original or renewal license;

(4) made a false statement or a misrepresentation in his original application or a renewal application;

(5) *with criminal negligence* [~~knowingly~~] sold, served, or delivered beer to a minor;

(6) sold, served, or delivered beer to an intoxicated person;

(7) sold, served, or delivered beer at a time when its sale is prohibited;

(8) entered or offered to enter an agreement, condition, or system which would constitute the sale or possession of alcoholic beverages on consignment;

(9) possessed on the licensed premises, or on adjacent premises directly or indirectly under his control, an alcoholic beverage not authorized to be sold on the licensed premises, or permitted an agent, servant, or employee to do so, except as permitted by Section 22.06, 24.05, or 102.05 of this code;

(10) does not have at his licensed premises running water, if it is available, and separate toilets for both sexes which are properly identified;

(11) permitted a person on the licensed premises to engage in conduct which is lewd, immoral, or offensive to public decency;

(12) employed a person under 18 years of age to sell, handle, or dispense beer, or to assist in doing so, in an establishment where beer is sold for on-premises consumption;

(13) conspired with a person to violate Section 101.41–101.43, 101.68, 102.11–102.15, 104.04, 108.01, or 108.04–108.06 of this code, or a rule promulgated under Section 5.40 of this code, or accepted a benefit from an act prohibited by any of these sections or rules;

(14) refused to permit or interfered with an inspection of the licensed premises by an authorized representative of the commission or a peace officer;

(15) permitted the use or display of his license in the conduct of a business for the benefit of a person not authorized by law to have an interest in the license;

(16) maintained blinds or barriers at his place of business in violation of this code;

(17) conducted his business in a place or manner which warrants the cancellation or suspension of the license based on the general welfare, health, peace, morals, safety, and sense of decency of the people;

(18) consumed an alcoholic beverage or permitted one to be consumed on the licensed premises at a time when the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by this code;

(19) purchased beer for the purpose of resale from a person other than the holder of a manufacturer's or distributor's license;

(20) acquired an alcoholic beverage for the purpose of resale from another retail dealer of alcoholic beverages;

(21) owned an interest of any kind in the business or premises of the holder of a distributor's license;

(22) purchased, sold, offered for sale, distributed, or delivered an alcoholic beverage, or consumed an alcoholic beverage or permitted one to be consumed on the licensed premises while his license was under suspension;

(23) purchased, possessed, stored, sold, or offered for sale beer in or from an original package bearing a brand or trade name of a manufacturer other than the brand or trade name shown on the container;

(24) habitually uses alcoholic beverages to excess, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to manage his establishment;

(25) imported beer into this state except as authorized by Section 107.07 of this code;

(26) occupied premises in which the holder of a manufacturer's or distributor's license had an interest of any kind;

(27) knowingly permitted a person who had an interest in a permit or license which was cancelled for cause to sell, handle, or assist in selling or handling alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises within one year after the cancellation;

(28) was financially interested in a place of business engaged in the selling of distilled spirits or permitted a person having an interest in that type of business to have a financial interest in the business authorized by his license, except as permitted by Section 22.06, 24.05, or 102.05 of this code;

(29) is residentially domiciled with or related to a person engaged in selling distilled spirits, except as permitted by Section 22.06, 24.05, or 102.05 of this code, so that there is a community of interests which the commission or administrator finds contrary to the purposes of this code; or

(30) is residentially domiciled with or related to a person whose license has been cancelled within the preceding 12 months so that there is a community of interests which the commission or administrator finds contrary to the purposes of this code.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 61.74, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission or administrator may suspend for not more than 60 days or cancel an original or renewal general, local, or branch distributor's license if it is found, after notice and hearing, that the licensee:

(1) violated a provision of this code or a rule of the commission during the existence of the license sought to be cancelled or suspended or during the immediately preceding license period;

(2) was finally convicted for violating a penal provision of this code;

(3) was finally convicted of a felony while holding an original or renewal license;

(4) violated Section 101.41–101.43, 101.68, 102.11–102.15, 104.04, 108.01, or 108.04–108.06 of this code, or a rule or regulation promulgated under Section 5.40 of this code;

(5) failed to comply with a requirement of the commission relating to the keeping of records or making of reports;

(6) failed to pay any tax due the state on any beer he sold, stored, or transported;

(7) refused to permit or interfered with an inspection of his licensed premises, vehicles, books, or records by an authorized representative of the commission;

(8) consummated a sale of beer outside the county or counties in which he was authorized to sell beer by his license;

(9) purchased, sold, offered for sale, distributed, or delivered beer while his license was under suspension;

(10) permitted the use of his license in the operation of a business conducted for the benefit of a person not authorized by law to have an interest in the business;

(11) made a false or misleading representation or statement in his original application or a renewal application;

(12) habitually uses alcoholic beverages to excess, is mentally incompetent, or is physically unable to manage his establishment;

(13) misrepresented any beer sold by him to a retailer or to the public;

(14) *with criminal negligence* [knowingly] sold or delivered beer to a minor; or

(15) purchased, possessed, stored, sold, or offered for sale beer in an original package bearing a brand or trade name of a manufacturer other than the brand or trade name of the manufacturer shown on the container.

SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 106.06, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b) of this section, a person commits an offense if he purchases an alcoholic beverage for or gives or [knowingly] makes available an alcoholic beverage to a minor *with criminal negligence*.

SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 106.13, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the commission or administrator may cancel or suspend for not more than 60 days a retail license or permit or a private club registration permit if it is found, on notice and hearing, that the licensee or permittee *with criminal negligence* [knowingly] sold, served, dispensed, or delivered an alcoholic beverage to a minor in violation of this code or *with criminal negligence* [knowingly] permitted a minor to violate Section 106.04 or 106.05 of this code on the licensed premises.

SECTION 6. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

(b) The change in a law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

(c) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 7. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 5, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 23, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 9, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.