

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – STUDENT AFFAIRS

POLICY TITLE – ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

SCOPE OF POLICY – USC UPSTATE

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PURPOSE

The University of South Carolina Upstate’s primary concern is for the health, safety, and welfare of the University community. The University complies fully with local, state, and federal regulations regarding the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances or the misuse of prescription drugs on University property or as part of University activities is strictly prohibited. All members of the University community are held responsible for their behavior and for respecting the rights of others.

USC Upstate endeavors to encourage a culture of compliance. The University is committed to providing education regarding the negative impacts of illicit drug use, misuse of prescription drugs, and the excessive or illegal consumption of alcohol. USC Upstate provides programs, support, and resources to promote health-enhancing experiences. Additionally, USC Upstate seeks to encourage responsible bystander behavior and timely reporting of inappropriate behavior.

In addition to this Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy document, the University also provides an [Alcohol and Other Drugs Health Risks](#) document and an [Alcohol and Other Drugs Treatment Resources](#) document.

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Student** means anyone who is enrolled at USC Upstate and who has not completed a program of study in which they are enrolled. Student status continues whether or not USC Upstate’s academic programs are in session. Student status includes those taking courses for credit or non-credit at USC Upstate, either full-time or part-time, while pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies. Persons who withdraw after allegedly violating the Code are also considered Students.

- B. **Faculty and Staff** means all employees who hold a tenure-track or non-tenure track title, or who hold a classified State title and a State class or an unclassified academic staff title by system policy ACAF 1.06 Academic Titles for Faculty and Unclassified Academic Staff positions or a non-academic, non-instructional, and non-research position that directly reports to another staff member or administrator.

- C. **University-Affiliated Student Organization** means any group of persons who have complied with registration requirements by the Office of Student Involvement to be a Registered Student Organization (RSO), and any groups that are seeking but not yet been granted registered status, all athletic teams, and groups who have been dismissed or suspended and are presenting themselves as affiliated with the University.

- D. **USC Upstate Activity** means any activity on or off USC Upstate Premises that is aided, approved, sponsored, or supervised by USC Upstate Department or a Registered Student Organization.
- E. **USC Upstate Property** means all property owned, leased, used, or controlled by USC Upstate, and includes adjacent streets and sidewalks.

I. POLICY IN GENERAL – ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited on USC Upstate property or at off-campus University sponsored events unless approved by the University according to the processes set forth in this Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy document. For approved events, alcoholic beverage consumption must follow the regulations set forth in this document.

- A. No alcoholic beverages or empty alcohol containers are permitted in the Magnolia or Palmetto House or other residence areas even if residents or guests are at least 21 years of age. Alcohol is permitted in the Villa apartments for those who are at least 21 years of age; the alcohol must be limited to one six-pack of beer or one bottle of wine (not to exceed 750 ml). No distilled/spirituous liquor is allowed in a University housing facility.
- B. Alcohol discovered in a common room or common space of a University housing facility will result in all residents assigned to that apartment/suite being documented, unless the responsible party comes forward to accept responsibility.
- C. Possession of alcoholic beverage containers and/or alcohol paraphernalia (e.g., shot glasses) or the display of advertisements for alcoholic beverages in any form, including posters, is prohibited on USC Upstate property.
- D. Aiding and abetting in the sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21 is prohibited.
- E. Drinking contests or games are prohibited on the USC Upstate campus.
- F. Anyone who appears on campus and is obviously impaired as a result of being under the influence of any substance may be asked to leave and is subject to appropriate sanctions. A University Police Officer will be called to assist the individual(s) with safety and/or transportation.
- G. Property damage as a result of alcohol or other drugs use will not be tolerated, and the individual(s) responsible for the damage will be subject to any and all sanctions designated by this policy as well as any other applicable policies and in accordance with [the USC Upstate Code of Student Conduct](#).
- H. Alcohol may be served at University-sponsored events, both on and off-campus, if the event is approved by the University.
- I. Soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages such as water, punch, and fruit drinks must be available in the same location and must be featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages during the entire time alcoholic beverages are being served at approved events.
- J. Food and/or snacks and non-alcoholic beverages must be prominently displayed and available during the entire event.
- K. Individual units may implement more restrictive policies relating to the use and/or promotion of alcohol within their facilities that are otherwise in accordance with University policy and local, state, and federal laws.
- L. Registered student organizations on a University-related trip must comply with the [USC Upstate Code of Student Conduct](#) and local, state, federal, and international laws that apply to USC Upstate students.
- M. Funds allocated to a University-Affiliated student organization from the Office of Student Involvement or otherwise from the University must not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- N. Funds collected through a University-Affiliated student organization's voluntary dues, donations, or fundraising may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages if the purchase and use of those

beverages are otherwise in accordance with University policy and local, state, and federal laws.

- O. Advertising that promotes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or the misuse of prescription drugs is prohibited on USC Upstate property. This applies to events and activities organized or sponsored by the University. Advertising for events should focus on the purpose or theme of the event and not on the availability of alcohol in ways that imply drinking is the focus, such as a “beer blast,” “forty kegs,” or “all the beer you can drink.”
- P. The unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or controlled substances on University property or as part of University activities is strictly prohibited.
- Q. USC Upstate faculty, staff, student employees, students, volunteers, vendors, and visitors must abide by all applicable local, state, and federal laws regarding the use of alcohol, illicit drugs, and controlled substances. For more information, see the South Carolina Code of Laws ([SC Alcoholic Beverage Control Act; Poisons, Drugs, and Other Controlled Substances](#)), the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division ([Alcohol, Narcotics, and Vice Services](#)), or the Drug Enforcement Agency ([DEA](#)).

II. POLICY FOR UNIVERSITY EVENTS INVOLVING ALCOHOL

This policy outlines the approval process, licensing requirements, and expectations for possessing and consuming beer, wine, and distilled spirits at University-approved events, whether sponsored or hosted by individuals, departments, or organizations of the University of South Carolina Upstate, both on and off campus. It also applies to external parties contracting with the Office of Special Events for alcoholic beverage services at such events. The policy is designed with the welfare of all users of University grounds or facilities in mind, and individuals are required to comply with its regulations and adhere to the law. Requests from USC Upstate faculty, staff, or external parties to serve beer and wine should be made by completing an [Alcohol Request Form](#).

III. TAILGATING POLICY REGARDING ALCOHOL

The University of South Carolina Upstate has established guidelines for alcohol consumption during tailgating at University athletic events. These guidelines aim to create a space where tailgating participants can enjoy their event while discouraging excessive alcohol consumption and promoting positive behavior among all attendees. This tailgating policy is a component of a broader policy addressing alcohol use during tailgating. Please refer to the complete policy on [Tailgating at USC Upstate](#) for more information.

IV. POLICY IN GENERAL – DRUGS

The unauthorized possession, use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of any narcotic, mind-altering, counterfeit, illegal/illicit, dangerous, designer, or controlled drug or prescription medication is prohibited. Violations of any other provision of the [USC Upstate Code of Student Conduct](#) while under the influence of any illegal or illegally obtained drug is also a violation of this policy. The possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

- A. Possession of use of prescription drugs prescribed to another individual is prohibited.
- B. The sale of one’s own valid prescription is prohibited.
- C. Possession of illegal drugs with the intent to sell or distribute will be handled in accordance with local, state, and federal laws. No educational sanctions are necessary as a first offense of this nature warrants immediate suspension or expulsion.
- D. Possession of drug paraphernalia or the display of advertisements for illegal drugs in any form, including posters, is prohibited.

- E. Anyone who appears on campus and is obviously impaired as a result of being under the influence of any substance may be asked to leave and is subject to appropriate sanctions. A University Police Officer will be called to assist the individual(s) with safety and/or transportation.
- F. Use of any drugs which jeopardize or endanger the welfare of oneself or others or contributes to other irresponsible or offensive student action(s) or behavior(s) is prohibited.
- G. Use, sharing, or distribution of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
- H. Intentionally smelling or inhaling the fumes or vapors of any substance not manufactured or sold for human consumption for the purpose of causing a condition of intoxication or distorting and/or disturbing auditory, visual, mental, or nervous processes, or that causes any of these effects is prohibited.

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V. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS CRIMINAL BEHAVIORS UNDER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS

A. Underage Drinking:

1. Purchase, order, pay for, or share the cost of alcohol if you are under 21.
2. Possess alcohol if you are under 21.
3. Consume alcohol if you are under 21.
4. Sell alcohol to, buy alcohol for, or furnish alcohol to anyone under 21.
5. Allow anyone under 21 who possesses or consumes alcohol to remain in your home, apartment, or residence hall room, or in other property that you own or occupy.

B. False Identification:

1. Show or give false information about your name, age, or other identification to purchase or obtain alcohol if you are under 21.
2. Provide false information about the name, age, or other identification of another person under 21 to purchase or obtain alcohol for that person.

C. Open Containers:

1. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession in any unlicensed public place.
2. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession while driving or riding in or on a motor vehicle.
3. Have an open container of alcohol in your possession while in or on a motor vehicle that is parked in or on a highway, street, or other place open to the public for parking (except in areas approved for tailgating at USC Upstate).

D. Transportation:

1. Operate a vehicle under the influence. If you are under 21, you are considered to be operating a vehicle under the influence if your blood alcohol level is .02 or higher and 0.08 at age 21.
2. Refuse an alcohol test.
3. Consume alcohol while in a motor vehicle.

4. Drive while under the influence of alcohol.
5. Are in physical control of a vehicle while drinking or under the influence of alcohol.

E. Disorderly Conduct:

1. Be found on any highway or at any public place or public gathering in a grossly intoxicated condition or otherwise be behaving in a disorderly or boisterous manner.
2. Discharge any gun, pistol, or other firearm while upon or within fifty yards of any public road or highway, except upon his own premises, while under the influence or feigning to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor, without just cause or excuse.

F. Alcohol Sales:

1. Hold an event where alcohol is sold or an event where alcohol is provided without charge, but there is an entrance fee, cover charge, or other fee, without an appropriate permit. Information on how to obtain a [temporary liquor license](#) is available from the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Alcohol Control Board.

G. Illicit Drugs:

1. Sell or offer to sell any controlled substance or prepare or package any controlled substance for sale.
2. Distribute any controlled substance, unless authorized to do so by law.
3. Knowingly obtain, possess, or use a controlled substance without a prescription.

VI. UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY

A. Faculty, Staff, and Student Employee Sanctions

No employee shall report for duty or remain on duty under the influence of alcohol, any illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription medication. Violation of this policy by faculty, regardless of tenure status, will lead to disciplinary actions up to and including termination based upon the criteria in the [Faculty Manual 2022](#) and may include criminal sanctions. Violation of this policy by staff employees will be cause for disciplinary actions up to and including termination, pursuant to [HR 1.39 Disciplinary Action & Termination for Cause](#) and may include criminal sanctions. Violation of this policy by student employees will lead to the sanctions listed below and may include criminal sanctions.

Additional information for faculty, staff, and student employees may be found in the Office of Human Resources document HR 1.01 [Drug-Free Workplace Policy](#).

B. Student Sanctions: Alcohol Policy Violations

No student shall consume, be under the influence of, or possess alcohol, illegal drugs, or unauthorized prescription medication unless approved through University policy or by law. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary actions up to and including separation from the University. Sanctions for violations of university policies are determined by the severity and frequency of the offense and may include, but are not limited to:

- Completion of educational and risk reduction programs
- Fines
- Community service
- Probation
- Individual screenings
- Research papers
- Educational counseling groups
- Suspension of student organization status
- Suspension from the use of university facilities for a designated time period
- Appropriate probation conditions to maintain student or organizational status
- Suspension and/or expulsion from the University

Additional information for students is available in the [USC Upstate Code of Student Conduct](#) and can be found in Section XI: Alcohol and Other Drugs Education

VII. SOUTH CAROLINA ALCOHOL AND DRUG LAWS AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

A. Underage drinking: SC Juvenile Justice Code 63-19-2440 states that no person under the age of 21 shall purchase beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage. Violation of this statute will result in a fine of not less than \$100 but not more than \$200 and successful completion of a South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) approved alcohol prevention, education, or intervention program.

B. False identification used to purchase alcohol for someone under 21: SC State Statute 61-4-80 prohibits purchasing beer or wine while on licensed premises to give to someone underage. A person convicted of a first offense may be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$300, imprisoned not more than 30 days, or both. For subsequent offenses, fines range from \$400 to \$500, with imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. SC State Statute 61-4-90 states that it is unlawful to transfer or give alcohol to someone under 21, with similar penalties.

C. False identification used to purchase alcohol by someone under 21: SC State Statute 61-4-60 makes it unlawful to knowingly provide false information to purchase beer or wine. A person convicted of this offense may face a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200, imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

D. Open container in a motor vehicle: SC State Statute 61-4-110 prohibits having an open container of beer or wine in a motor vehicle on public highways. Violation is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

E. Furnishing or selling alcohol to someone under 21: SC State Statute 61-4-50 makes it unlawful to sell beer, ale, porter, wine, or similar beverages to someone under 21. Penalties include fines and completion of a DAODAS approved merchant alcohol enforcement education program.

F. Underage purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol: SC Juvenile Justice Code 63-19-2440 prohibits underage purchase, attempt, consumption, or possession of alcohol, with penalties including fines and mandatory completion of an alcohol prevention, education, or intervention program.

G. Driving while intoxicated: SC State Statute 56-5-2930 makes it unlawful to drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, with penalties including fines and potential imprisonment.

H. Driving with an unlawful alcohol concentration: SC State Statute 56-5-2933 prohibits driving with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08% or more, with escalating fines and imprisonment for subsequent offenses.

I. Refusing a chemical test for presence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination: Refusal to take a chemical test may result in suspension of driving privileges.

J. Disorderly conduct: SC State Statute 16-17-530 prohibits disorderly conduct and discharging firearms while intoxicated, with fines or imprisonment as penalties.

K. Selling or distributing illicit drugs: SC Statute 44-53-370 makes it unlawful to sell or distribute controlled substances, with fines and potential imprisonment as penalties.

L. Possessing or using illicit drugs: SC Statute 44-53-370 prohibits knowingly possessing controlled substances without a valid prescription, with fines and potential imprisonment as penalties.

M. Possessing or selling drug paraphernalia: SC Statute 44-53-391 makes it unlawful to possess, sell, or deliver drug paraphernalia, with fines imposed.

A complete list of South Carolina state drug statutes can be found at SC Code of Laws, Title 44, Chapter 53: Poisons, Drugs, and Other Controlled Substances.

VIII. FEDERAL DRUG LAWS AND CRIMINAL SANCTIONS

A. Federal law prohibits the trafficking and illegal possession of controlled substances under 21 [U.S. Code Sections 841](#) and [844](#). Depending on the quantity and type of substance involved, penalties vary.

1. For trafficking marijuana, penalties range from five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine to life imprisonment and a \$10 million fine for individuals, and from five years' imprisonment and a \$1 million fine to life imprisonment and a \$50 million fine for non-individuals.
2. Trafficking Class I and Class II controlled substances carries similar penalties. Penalties for simple possession under 21 [U.S. Code Section 844](#) range from up to one year's imprisonment or a \$1,000 fine, or both, to up to 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of at least \$1,000.

B. For the most current and complete information regarding federal penalties for drug trafficking, refer to the [U.S. DEA Drugs of Abuse, Federal Trafficking Penalties](#).

C. Disclaimer:

1. This information provides a general summary of applicable laws. Laws are subject to frequent amendments and reinterpretations. Specific legal advice should be sought for individual situations.
2. If charged with a crime, consulting an attorney is advisable. Updates to laws are typically available on the mentioned websites, but individuals are responsible for knowing the laws.
3. [USC Upstate's Code of Student Conduct](#) and University policies and rules dictate campus behavior standards, which may result in independent sanctions, educational outcomes, or penalties, separate from criminal considerations.
4. Violation of referenced laws may also constitute a breach of [USC Upstate's Code of Student Conduct](#) and University policies, potentially leading to University sanctions. The University maintains higher expectations for appropriate behavior than those mandated by law.

IX. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS EDUCATION

The University of South Carolina Upstate upholds a rigorous commitment to compliance with local, state, and federal laws concerning alcohol and other drug use. The institution places significant emphasis on educational initiatives aimed at fostering responsible behaviors among students, faculty, staff, and visitors, irrespective of their physical location.

Educational Framework:

Mandatory Courses:

- All incoming students are mandated to complete specialized alcohol and other drugs education courses, including the Not Anymore for Alcohol & Other Drugs program.

Screening and Assessment Tools:

- The University provides access to substance use screening and assessment tools to facilitate the

early identification of potential issues and enable appropriate interventions.

Seminars and Presentations:

- The institution regularly organizes seminars and presentations addressing the legal and health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse. These events aim to equip attendees with practical strategies for navigating complex scenarios.

Campus Events:

- Organized events facilitate discussions and activities centered on responsible alcohol and drug use, contributing to the cultivation of an informed and compliant community.

Not Anymore for Alcohol & Other Drugs:

- A 30-minute, interactive online program, Not Anymore for Alcohol & Other Drugs, employs reality-driven videos and tests.
- Comprised of four modules: Your GPA, Your Brain, Your Peers, and Your Life.
- Utilizes student testimonials strategically to cultivate awareness of the legal implications and risks associated with substance abuse.
- Rooted in research-backed evidence, it underscores the legal and health ramifications of alcohol and other drug misuse.

USC Upstate Counseling Services:

- The Counseling Center Assessment of Psychological Symptoms (CCAPS)-Screen, an anonymous mental health instrument addressing common psychological problems, is available.
- The Sharpen mental health application, offering information on substance use, is accessible through the Counseling Services.

ACHA-NCHA III Survey:

- The University actively participates in the American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment III (ACHA-NCHA III) Survey.
- This survey serves to assess alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, supporting the academic mission while providing a legal profile of health trends within the campus community.

Health Risks and Awareness:

- The University disseminates comprehensive information on health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use, with a specific emphasis on high-risk behaviors.
- Off-campus referrals for services such as detoxification are available to address legal and health concerns.

Community Awareness:

- Faculty, staff, and students are apprised of the legal risks associated with: A. High-risk alcohol use. B. Illicit drug use. C. Misuse of over-the-counter and prescription medications. D. Combination of two or more drugs.

Factors Influencing Health Risks:

- Legal and health risks associated with alcohol and other drug use are underscored, considering factors such as the type, amount, and strength of drugs used, interactions, physical and emotional states, physical differences, and activities undertaken while under the influence.

Commitment to Legal Compliance and Safety:

- The University underscores the gravity of alcohol and other drug policy violations, acknowledging their potential legal and health implications for the community.
- Educational endeavors aim to instill a legal and ethical sense of responsibility, promoting a safer and healthier environment for all stakeholders on campus.

The likelihood of negative physical and/or psychological effects is increased by:

- A. the type, amount, and strength of the drug or drugs used;
- B. interactions of two or more drugs;
- C. physical and emotional states;
- D. physical differences in body size and condition, gender, age, and family history;
- E. activities engaged in while under the influence.

Problems endangering health also occur if the use of mood-altering substances is

combined with activities involving coordination and judgment skills, such as driving. The use of some drugs, particularly cocaine, poses health risks if used during strenuous physical activity. Information on the health risks associated with the use of alcohol and other drugs is located in the document [Alcohol and Other Drugs Health Risks](#). Information about local treatment resources for alcohol and other drugs issues is available at [Substance Abuse Treatment Resources](#).

This information is provided to meet federal standards set forth in the [Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988](#) and the [Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989](#).

X. ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD) POLICY IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Position or Office Responsibilities:

Dean of Students

- Communicate semesterly notification to students, faculty, and staff and copying auditors of AOD Policy.
- Consult with students on the policies.
- Review and update policy as needed.
- Develop and submit the Biennial Review Report.

Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Compliance

- Administer the ACHA Health Survey bi-annually.
- Assist University departments in program evaluation when requested.

Office of Special Events

- Contract with outside individuals and entities to serve alcoholic beverages for University-approved events held on or off-campus.

Office of the Chief of Police

- Approve requests for alcohol to be served on campus

Office of Risk Management

- Approve requests to serve alcohol at campus events.

University Leaders, Managers, and Supervisors

- Communicate policy expectations to direct reports.
- Hold individuals responsible for compliance.
- Communicate policy violations to leaders and managers.

University Communications

- Communicate to the University community through a biennial notification, which must include the following: standards of conduct; a description of sanctions for violating federal, state, and local laws and campus policies; a description of health risks associated with AOD use; and a description of treatment options.

XI. RESOURCES

1. [Alcohol and Other Drugs Health Risks](#)
2. [Alcohol Request Form](#)
3. [Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989](#)
4. [Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988](#)
5. [Office of Human Resources 1.01 Drug-Free Workplace Policy](#)
6. [Poisons, Drugs, and Other Controlled Substances](#)
7. [R U Ok reporting form](#)
8. [SC Alcoholic Beverage Control Act](#)
9. [SC Code of Laws Public Disorderly Conduct](#)

10. [South Carolina Department of Revenue Alcohol Beverage Licensing](#)
11. [Spartans Care](#)
12. [Substance Abuse Treatment Resources](#)
13. [U.S. DEA Drugs of Abuse, Federal Trafficking Penalties](#)
14. [USC Upstate Code of Student Conduct](#)
15. [USC Upstate Counseling Services](#)
16. [USC Upstate Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#)
17. [USC Upstate Health Services](#)

XII. CONTACTS

Policy Questions: Office of Risk Management - 864-503-5543

Code of Student Conduct: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs - 864-503-5107

USC Upstate Employee Assistance Program: Employee Relations - 864-503-5354

USC Upstate Counseling Services: Director of Counseling Services - 864-503-5195

USC Upstate Health Services: Director of Health Services - 864-503-5191

USC Upstate Office of Special Events: Director of Special Events - 864-503-5985

USC Upstate University Police: Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police - 864-503-5254

**** SPECIAL NOTE – Definition of Alcohol (Alcoholic Liquors):**

South Carolina State Statute 63-19-2450 states that:

(A) It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to purchase, attempt to purchase, consume, or knowingly possess alcoholic liquors. As used in the Alcohol Beverage Control Act Chapter 6 Article 1, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1)(a) "Alcoholic liquors" or "alcoholic beverages" means any spirituous malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether lager or rice beer), or other liquors or a compound or mixture of them.

Possession is prima facie evidence that it was knowingly possessed. It is also unlawful for a person to falsely represent his age for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquors. Notwithstanding another provision of law, if the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a person is under age twenty-one and has consumed alcohol, the law enforcement officer or the person may request that the person submit to any available alcohol screening test using a device approved by the State Law Enforcement Division.

HISTORY OF REVISIONS

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