

CHAPTER 21
POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BY MINOR

21.01 Underage Person Prohibited from Possession of 21.02 Penalty
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Alcoholic Beverage

21.01 UNDERAGE PERSON PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSION OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE. It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of 21 years old to purchase or attempt to purchase or individually or jointly have within their possession or control any alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer except in the case of such beverages given or dispenses to that person within a private home and with the knowledge, presence, and consent of the parent or guardian, or as administered to the person by either a physician or dentist and for medical purposes, and except to the extent that a person may handle alcoholic beverages, wine, and beer during the regular course of the person’s employment by a liquor control licensee or wine or beer permittee pursuant to Chapter 123 of the Code of Iowa.

21.02 PENALTY. A person, who is under legal age, other than a licensee or permitted, who violates this section regarding the purchase, attempt to purchase, possession, or control of alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer, commits a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense. A second or subsequent offense shall be a simple misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$200.00. However, when a person under the age of 18 commits this offense, the matter shall be disposed of in the manner provided in Chapter 232 of the Code of Iowa.