BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1012 By: King, Susan Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It is currently an offense for an individual to purchase, give, or make available an alcoholic beverage to a minor with exceptions. This offense is classified as a Class A misdemeanor with disregard to the resulting outcome of the alcohol consumed by the minor. H.B. 1012 seeks to provide a new state jail penalty if there is a direct correlation between the individual providing the minor with alcohol that results in a subsequent incident involving the minor seriously injuring or causing the death of another person.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1012 amends the Alcoholic Beverage Code to enhance from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony the penalty for purchasing alcohol for or furnishing alcohol to a minor if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the person purchased an alcoholic beverage for or gave or made an alcoholic beverage available to a minor who, as a result of the consumption of the alcoholic beverage, caused another person to suffer serious bodily injury or death.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.