

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to civil liability for the provision of an alcoholic  
3 beverage to a minor.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 2.02(c), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) An adult 21 years of age or older is liable for damages  
8 proximately caused by the intoxication of a minor [~~under the age of~~  
9 ~~18~~] if:

10 (1) the adult is not:  
11 (A) the minor's parent, guardian, or spouse; or  
12 (B) an adult in whose custody the minor has been  
13 committed by a court; and

14 (2) the adult knowingly:  
15 (A) served or provided to the minor any of the  
16 alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication;  
17 or

18 (B) allowed the minor to be served or provided  
19 any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's  
20 intoxication on the premises owned or leased by the adult.

21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
22 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of  
23 this Act. A cause of action that accrued before the effective date  
24 of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action

1 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

3           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.