

AN ACT

relating to the employment of persons under 18 years of age on the premises of certain businesses selling or serving alcoholic beverages; adding a provision that is subject to a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 106.09, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by by ~~[in]~~ Subsections (b), (c), ~~[and]~~ (e), and (f) ~~[of this section]~~, no person may employ a person under 18 years of age to sell, prepare, serve, or otherwise handle liquor, or to assist in doing so.

(f) The holder of a permit or license providing for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages that derives less than 50 percent of its gross receipts for the premises from the sale or service of alcoholic beverages may employ a person under 18 years of age to work as a cashier for transactions involving the sale of alcoholic beverages if the alcoholic beverages are served by a person 18 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 106.09, Alcoholic Beverage Code, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the

1 law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is  
2 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,  
3 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if  
4 any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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

S.B. No. 1651

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1651 passed the Senate on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1651 passed the House on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor