

HB 180 -- POSSESSION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR BY MINORS

SPONSOR: Cookson

This bill specifies that the provisions regarding the sale of intoxicating liquor to a minor and the permitted drinking or possession of intoxicating liquor to a minor are to be known as Austin's Law.

The bill changes the penalty for a person who knowingly allows a minor to drink or possess intoxicating liquor who is not the minor's parent or guardian from a class B misdemeanor to a class D felony for an offense committed before January 1, 2017, and a class E felony for an offense committed on or after January 1, 2017. The penalty for any subsequent violation is changed from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony for an offense committed before January 1, 2017, and a class D felony for any subsequent violation committed on or after January 1, 2017.

If the individual under the age of 21 injures or kills another person while intoxicated, the penalty is a class B felony.