

# Senate toughens penalty for selling booze to kids

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Liquor dealers who sell to minors couldn't be prosecuted unless their young buyers also are prosecuted, under a controversial bill in Lansing.

Both parties in the state Senate were deeply divided as they approved tougher penalties under the Liquor Control Act.

"The bill is a shield for retailers," objected Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, an opponent. He said sponsor Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, "was pimping for licensees and retailers."

"It seriously limits the Liquor Control Commission," added Sen. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison. "The requirement for contemporaneous prosecution (of both seller and buyer) seriously handicaps prosecutors."

The Senate passed SB 482 on a vote of 21 yes and 13 no with four absent. Here's how local members voted.

**YES** — Mat Dunankis, R-Lake Orion, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and George Z. Hart, D-DeARBORN.

**NO** — Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, William Faust, D-Westland, and Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

**ABSENT** — David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

The bill goes to the House.

**Ex-cops opposed**

Bouchard, a former police officer, was joined by Jon Clisby, R-Saginaw, a former sheriff, and Van Regenmortel, former prosecutor, in opposing the bill.

"Law enforcement officers don't like this bill," said Bouchard. He compared it to a traffic officer stopping someone for speeding and be required to issue a ticket.

"The unintended consequence," Bouchard said, "will be to keep police from enforcing this law."

"We are trying to curtail minors from even thinking of purchasing alcohol," said DiNello.

He said separating prosecution of dealers and minor buyers "removes the aura of penalty that the minor won't be afraid of. They (underage drinkers) are going to have a field day."

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"Some people here who are soft on crime want to nail the businessman," said DiNello, who added the bill was supported by restaurants, package (bottle) dealers and licensed beverage associations.

**No deals**  
The Senate shot down a Clisby amendment that would have allowed police officers to cut deals with minors to act as undercover agents for police.

"This is the real world," said Clisby. "You're hammering the discretion of the police officer in a misdemeanor case."

But GOP floor leader Phil Archibault of Whitehall opposed his fellow Republican. "Suppose a kid buys alcohol and is apprehended. The police officer says, 'I could prosecute you, but now I'll let you off if you agree to become a squealer.' I don't think that's right. What we have is a judge and jury on the street.

There's no option for the kid. That decision ought to be made in court," said Archibault.

Clisby's amendment was rejected in an unrecorded vote.

Sponsor DiNello and Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, got into a bruising oral exchange. Pollack offered an amendment that would require police to seek consent of the parents to use their under-18 child in a sting operation. "It's a little incongruous," said

DiNello, "that (Pollack) wants parental consent on this and not on abortion. You've always denied use of parental involvement."

Pollack, the Senate's most vocal opponent of the parental consent for abortion law, called DiNello's remark "insulting." She called the parental consent for an abortion "reproductive enslavement. Even a 12-year-old should have the right to say 'I don't want to become a mother.' Here are the bill's other ha-

provisions:  
■ A minor who bought, possessed, consumed or transported liquor could be fined at least \$100 but not more than \$500 and ordered to perform community service, participate in substance abuse services and be subject to a driver's license suspension.  
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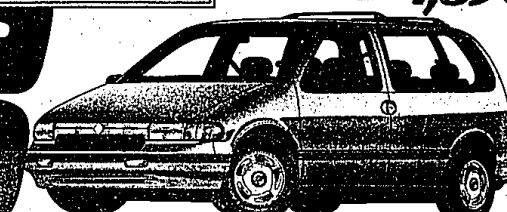
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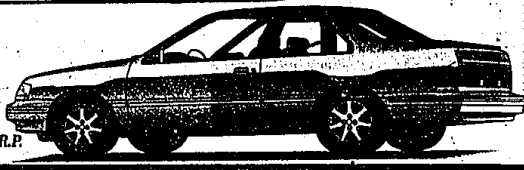
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