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H 991. BAN UNDERAGE DRINKING. TO DECREASE HEALTH AND ADDICTION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERAGE USE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Current GS 18B-302(b) makes it unlawful for persons under 21 years old to purchase, attempt to purchase, or possess malt beverages, fortified and unfortified wine, spirituous liquor, or mixed beverages. Act amends subsection to also make it unlawful for persons under 21 years old to consume those alcoholic beverages. Enacts new GS 18B-302(j) to make violation of consuming an alcoholic beverage under subsection (b) a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$250, in addition to any other punishment for a Class 1 misdemeanor. Amends GS 18B-302(g) (conviction report to DMV) and 20-17.3 (revocation of driver's license) to extend them to possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Makes conforming changes. Applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 2005.

Intro. by Starnes.

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