

Approved by Committee
on Judiciary

HOUSE BILL NO. 29

INTRODUCED BY BENGTSON, ROTH, DAY,

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ELLISON, KESSLER, FRATES, CONROY, GERKE, VINCENT, LIEN,

COLBURN, FABREGA, HURWITZ, QUILICI, ERNST, TROPILA, EUDAILY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE
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electorate, this amendment shall be effective January 1,
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
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1. Amend title, line 9.

Following: "TO"

Strike: "RAISE"

Insert: "ALLOW THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PEOPLE BY INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH"

2. Amend title, lines 10 and 11.

Following: "BEVERAGES"

Strike: "TO NINETEEN"

3. Amend page 1, section 1, lines 17 through 20.

Following: "that"

Strike: lines 17 through 20 in their entirety.

Insert: "the legislature or the people by initiative may establish the legal age for consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages.'"

4. Amend page 2, section 3, line 4.

Following: "raise"

Strike: "RAISING"

Insert: "allowing the legislature or the people to establish"

5. Amend page 2, section 3, line 5.

Following: "age"

Strike: "to 19"

6. Amend page 2, section 3, line 6.

Following: "AGAINST"

Strike: "raising"

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