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(b) for a second offense, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$200 and:

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10 (i) <u>must</u> have the person's driver's license suspended for not less than 120 days and not more than 11 1 year, except that if the person was driving or was otherwise in actual physical control of a motor vehicle 12 when the offense occurred, <u>must</u> have the person's driver's license revoked for 1 year or until the person 13 reaches the age of 18, whichever occurs last;

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(3) A person 18 years of age or older who is convicted of the offense of possession of an
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6 court-ordered community service, if any is available, all costs of participation in a community-based
7 substance abuse information course, if one is available;

8 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, <u>shall</u> be fined an amount not less than \$300 or more than
9 \$500 and:

(i) <u>must have the person's driver's license suspended for not less than 120 days and not more than</u>
 1 year, except that if the person was driving or was otherwise in actual physical control of a motor vehicle
 when the offense occurred, <u>must have the person's driver's license revoked for 1 year or until the person</u>
 reaches the age of 18, whichever occurs last;

(ii) <u>shall</u> be ordered to complete and pay, either directly with money or indirectly through court-ordered community service, if any is available, all costs of participation in a community-based substance abuse information course, if one is available, which may include alcohol or drug treatment, or both, approved by the department of corrections, if determined by the court to be appropriate.

18 (3) A person 18 years of age or older who is convicted of the offense of possession of an
 19 intoxicating substance shall:

20 (a) for a first offense, <u>shall</u> be fined an amount not to exceed \$50 and be ordered to perform
21 community service if a community service program is available;

22 (b) for a second offense, <u>shall</u> be fined an amount not to exceed \$100 and:

23 (i) shall be ordered to perform community service if a community service program is available; and

24 (ii) <u>must</u> have the person's driver's license suspended for not more than 60 days if the person was

25 driving or otherwise in actual physical control of a motor vehicle when the offense occurred;

26 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$200 and:

27 (i) shall be ordered to perform community service if a community service program is available;

28 (ii) <u>must</u> have the person's driver's license suspended for not more than 120 days if the person was

29 driving or otherwise in actual physical control of a motor vehicle when the offense occurred;

(iii) shall be ordered to complete an alcohol information course at an alcohol treatment program



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approved by the department of corrections, which may, in the sentencing court's discretion and upon
 recommendation of a certified chemical dependency counselor, include alcohol or drug treatment, or both;
 and

4 (iv) in the discretion of the court<u>, shall</u> be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 5 months.

6 (4) A person under the <u>21 years of</u> age of <u>21</u> commits the offense of attempt to purchase an 7 intoxicating substance if the person knowingly attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage. A person 8 convicted of attempt to purchase an intoxicating substance shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$50 9 if the person was 18 years of age or older at the time <u>that</u> the offense was committed or \$100 if the person 10 was under 18 years of age at the time that the offense was committed.

11 (5) A defendant who fails to comply with a sentence and is under 21 years of age and was under 12 18 years of age when the defendant failed to comply must be transferred to the youth court. If proceedings 13 for failure to comply with a sentence are held in the youth court, the offender must be treated as an alleged 14 youth in need of supervision as defined in 41-5-103. The youth court may enter its judgment under 15 41-5-523.

16 (6) A person commits the offense of interference with a sentence or court order if the person 17 purposely or knowingly causes a child or ward to fail to comply with a sentence imposed under this section 18 or a youth court disposition order for a youth found to have violated this section and upon conviction shall 19 be fined \$100 or imprisoned in the county jail for 10 days, or both.

(7) A conviction or youth court adjudication under this section must be reported by the court to
the department of justice under 61-11-101 for the purpose of keeping a record of the number of offenses
committed but may not be considered part of the person's driving record for insurance purposes unless a
second or subsequent conviction or adjudication under this section occurs. (See compiler's comments for
contingent termination of certain text.)"

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26 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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