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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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serving minors--disorderly  
persons)

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See newspaper clipping--attached:

"New rules for serving alcohol," 8-30-85 Bergen Record.

SENATE, No. 2312

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 1984

By Senator STOCKMAN

(Without Reference)

AN ACT making it an offense to offer or serve alcoholic beverages to an underage person and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Anyone who purposely or knowingly offers or serves or makes  
2 available an alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for  
3 consuming alcoholic beverages or entices that person to drink an  
4 alcoholic beverage is a disorderly person. This section shall not  
5 apply to a guardian or to a first cousin or closer relative by blood,  
6 marriage or adoption of the person under legal age for consuming  
7 alcoholic beverages if the guardian or relative is of the legal age  
8 to consume alcoholic beverages or to a religious observance,  
9 ceremony or rite. This section shall also not apply to any person  
10 in his home who is of the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages  
11 who offers or serves or makes available an alcoholic beverage to  
12 a person under the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages or  
13 entices that person to drink an alcoholic beverage in the presence  
14 of and with the permission of the guardian or first cousin or closer  
15 relative by blood, marriage or adoption of the person under the  
16 legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages if the guardian or  
17 relative is of the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

This bill makes the offering or serving or making available of alcoholic beverages to persons under the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages or the enticing of underaged persons to drink alcoholic beverages a disorderly persons offense. A disorderly persons offense is punishable by up to six months' imprisonment or a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or both.

The provisions of this bill do not apply to a guardian, a first cousin or a closer relative by blood, marriage or adoption of the underaged person if the guardian or relative is of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages. The provisions of this bill also do not apply if the underaged person consumes alcoholic beverages in connection with a religious observance, ceremony or rite. In addition, the bill does not apply to any person in his home who is of the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages and offers or serves or makes available an alcoholic beverage to an underage person or entices that person to drink an alcoholic beverage in the presence of and with the permission of a guardian or relative who is of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages.

The purpose of this bill is to discourage drinking by persons under the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages by placing more responsibility on adults.

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Bills Signed  
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The credits were allocated originally to landowners in restricted areas of the Pinelands for purchase by landowners in growth areas in order to gain bonus residential densities.

The legislation signed today appropriates \$5 million to the Credit Bank to purchase credits at \$10,000 each when necessary to alleviate a hardship on a landowner in the restricted growth area.

The bank would be governed by a board of directors consisting of the Commissioners of Banking and Environmental Protection, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Pinelands Commission, and four residents of the Pinelands area to be appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Speaker of the Assembly and the President of the Senate.

Other bills signed by Kean include:

S-2312, sponsored by Senator Gerald Stockman, D-Mercer, to prohibit as a disorderly persons offense purposely or knowingly offering, serving, or making available an alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal drinking age.

S-3158, sponsored by Senator Richard VanWagner, D-Monmouth, to establish a demonstration Personal Attendant Program in the Department of Human Services for persons with chronic physical disabilities and impairments.

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