

DCP - Liquor Fines for Sales to Minor

01/01/2020 to 12/31/2021

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Calendar Year	Number of Cases	Found Issue	Total Amount
2020	8 (Bars Closed due to COVID)	SALE TO MINOR	\$ 11,800.00
2021	42	SALE TO MINOR	\$ 49,925.00
		TOTAL	\$ 61,725.00

Fines for Liquor Sales to Minors:

The sale to minor penalty is not set by statute or regulation. It can vary depending whether there is a prior history with the permittee and if the minor is particularly young. If there is history, the minor is young, or additional charges are brought, then the suspension and fine increase. Moreover, if it is a larger, well established premise or part of a national chain, the offer will go up to mitigate the "cost of doing business" aspect and hopefully allow the settlement to have some sort of deterrent effect.

Standard offer for sale to minor is 1 day suspension with a \$500 fine. It used to be 2 day suspension with \$750 fine with 1 day and \$250 held in abeyance as a probation period. The problem was we did not/do not have the resources to go reinspect, so it was worthless threat and we ended the practice. We also let the permittee negotiate. For example, some would rather be shut an extra day instead of paying the fine or vice versa. The base standard offer has not been changed for more than seven years.