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H. R. 2161

To amend title 18 of the United States Code to prohibit shipping alcohol to minors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. WEINER, Mr. FORD, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Ms. DANNER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. CARSON, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. LUTHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alcohol Shipment to
5 Minors Prohibition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SHIPMENT OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS PROHIBITED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“§ 1266. Shipment of alcohol to minors**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates the labelling
7 requirements of subsection (b) or the age verification re-
8 quirements of subsection (d) shall be fined under this title
9 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. Whoever
10 violates the sender disclosure requirements of subsection
11 (c) or the adult signature requirements of subsection (e)
12 shall be fined under this title.

13 “(b) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LABEL.—Any package
14 placed for shipment in interstate commerce that contains
15 any alcoholic beverage shall bear a conspicuous label, in
16 accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the
17 Treasury may prescribe, stating that the package contains
18 an alcoholic beverage and that the signature of a person
19 of legal drinking age is required for delivery.

20 “(c) SENDER DISCLOSURE.—Any package placed for
21 shipment in interstate commerce that contains any alco-
22 holic beverage shall be accompanied by documentation
23 showing the full legal name and address of the person
24 placing the package for such shipment.

25 “(d) AGE VERIFICATION.—Whoever places for ship-
26 ment in interstate commerce a package containing any al-

1 alcoholic beverage shall, prior to shipment, verify that the
2 recipient is of legal drinking age.

3 “(e) ADULT SIGNATURE REQUIRED.—Whoever deliv-
4 ers a package shipped in interstate commerce that con-
5 tains any alcoholic beverage and is labelled pursuant to
6 subsection (b) shall, upon delivery, obtain the signature
7 of a person of legal drinking age, and verify such age.

8 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

9 “(1) the term ‘alcoholic beverage’ means any
10 spiritous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other fer-
11 mented liquor, or any compound containing any
12 spiritous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other fer-
13 mented liquor fit for use for beverage purposes;

14 “(2) the term ‘legal drinking age’ means the
15 minimum lawful age for the purchase of an alcoholic
16 beverage in the State or locality to which the pack-
17 age is shipped; and

18 “(3) the term ‘verify’ means to confirm, by use
19 of official documentation establishing both age and
20 identity.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
22 at the beginning of chapter 59 of title 18, United States
23 Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to sec-
24 tion 1265 the following:

“1265. Shipment of alcohol to minors”.