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Overview

This act expands the scope of a current felony provision in the liquor law applicable to persons, other than licensed retailers, who sell alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 who subsequently becomes intoxicated and causes or suffers death or great bodily harm as a result of the intoxication. The bill expands this provision to include the bartering, furnishing, or giving of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 when this act results in the same consequences.

- Unlawful acts. Current law provides a felony penalty for persons who are not licensed retailers to sell alcoholic beverages to an underage person if the person becomes intoxicated and, as a result, causes or suffers death or great bodily harm. This section includes within the felony penalty the bartering, furnishing, or giving of alcoholic beverages to an underage person if that person becomes intoxicated and, as a result, causes or suffers death or great bodily harm.
- **Effective date.** Section 1 is effective August 1, 1999, for crimes committed on or after that date.