

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL HOST LAW?



Primary purpose: to deter underage drinking parties or gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or use drugs, whether or not they provide the alcohol or drugs.

WHO CAN BE CHARGED?

- Anyone who is **over the age of 18** and;
- Owns, rents, or otherwise controls a private residence; permanent, temporary or other dwelling unit of any kind, including yards and open areas adjacent to these locations, and;
- **Knowingly allows the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs by any minor** and/or;
- **Fails to take reasonable corrective action** upon learning of the consumption of alcohol or use of drugs by any minor.

WHAT IS "REASONABLE CORRECTIVE ACTION?"

- Making a ***prompt demand*** that the minor(s) stop drinking alcohol or using drugs or leave the premises; and
- If the minor refuses to comply with the request, the adult must promptly report the drug use or underage drinking to:
 - **Local law enforcement**; or
 - **Any other person with greater degree of authority over the minor** (e.g. the minors' parents or guardians, etc.)

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES?

- *First offense: Any person who violates the law shall be guilty of an **unclassified misdemeanor** punishable by a fine not to **exceed \$500**.*
- *Second and subsequent offenses: Any person who violates the law shall be guilty of an **unclassified misdemeanor** punishable by a **fine not to exceed \$1,000**, a term of **imprisonment not to exceed one year**, or both.*

