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Underage Party Hosts Serving Booze Face Jail Time

Violators Could Also Be Fined \$1,000

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SAN DIEGO -- San Diego County teens who host parties where underage kids are being served alcoholic drinks will be eligible for the same punishment as adults under a tougher social-host ordinance passed today.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to expand the existing host law. That rule imposes civil and criminal liability on adults who fail to prevent underage drinking in their homes or under their supervision.

The ordinance will also require party hosts to verify the age of guests, control the access to alcohol and control the quantity of alcohol at gatherings.

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