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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 209

Short Title: UNDERAGE MILITARY ON LICENSED PREMISES

Summary:

- Permits active duty military personnel under 21 years of age with a valid military ID or armed services ID card to enter a patriotic organization post where alcohol is served.
- Allows underage military personnel into the premises without specific approval from the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
- Continues to bar underage military personnel from being served or consuming alcohol in patriotic organization posts.

Benefits:

- Encourages underage military personnel to participate in patriotic organization posts where they can build positive relationships with other veterans.

Background:

- Patriotic organization posts are a second home for both veterans and active duty members of the military. The posts typically make alcoholic beverages available to their members 21 years of age and older. That prevents underage military personnel from making the posts a part of their lives because current state law bars them from entering the premises. SB 209 lifts that ban by allowing them to enter the posts without a parent, legal guardian or spouse, to join their comrades in positive activities. The legislation does NOT allow underage military personnel to be served or consume alcoholic beverages at the posts.