



# Licensing Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 17

### PART 7

#### OFFENCES

##### *Children and alcohol*

#### **150 Consumption of alcohol by children**

- (1) An individual aged under 18 commits an offence if he knowingly consumes alcohol on relevant premises.
- (2) A person to whom subsection (3) applies commits an offence if he knowingly allows the consumption of alcohol on relevant premises by an individual aged under 18.
- (3) This subsection applies—
  - (a) to a person who works at the premises in a capacity, whether paid or unpaid, which authorises him to prevent the consumption, and
  - (b) where the alcohol was supplied by a club to or to the order of a member of the club, to any member or officer of the club who is present at the premises at the time of the consumption in a capacity which enables him to prevent it.
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply where—
  - (a) the individual is aged 16 or 17,
  - (b) the alcohol is beer, wine or cider,
  - (c) its consumption is at a table meal on relevant premises, and
  - (d) the individual is accompanied at the meal by an individual aged 18 or over.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction—
  - (a) in the case of an offence under subsection (1), to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, and
  - (b) in the case of an offence under subsection (2), to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.