

HB 2081 -- LAURA'S LAW

SPONSOR: Torpey

This bill establishes Laura's Law, which specifies that any parent, guardian, or other adult with a lawful right to the exclusive use and enjoyment of any property who knowingly allows a person less than 21 years of age to drink or possess intoxicating liquor or knowingly fails to stop a person less than 21 years of age from drinking or possessing intoxicating liquor on the property will be considered a social host. If the intoxicating liquor furnished by a social host is found to be a contributing proximate cause of resulting permanent personal injuries or death, the social host will be guilty of a class D felony and will serve a minimum of 85% of his or her sentence and he or she will not be eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence unless the entire sentence is served.

The bill specifies that a person convicted of or pleading guilty to the offense of driving while intoxicated or driving with excessive blood alcohol content, both class B misdemeanors for a first offense, will not be granted a suspended imposition of sentence, unless he or she is placed on probation for a minimum of two years and successfully completes a program prescribed under a DWI court or docket or another court-ordered treatment program.