



# Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

## POLICE SERVICES UNIT

*A Joint Unit of the Yarmouth Police & Dennis Police Departments*

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### LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF SUBSTANCE USE

#### **MINOR TRANSPORTING (IN POSSESSION) MGL Ch138 §34C**

*Police officer may arrest without a warrant*

- ▷ Whoever, being under 21 years of age,
- ▷ and not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian,
- ▷ knowingly possesses, transports or carries on his person,
- ▷ any alcohol or alcoholic beverage.
  - Misdemeanor - Fine of NMT \$50 for the first offense NMT \$100 for subsequent offense. 90 license suspension.

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#### **PERSONS ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL MGL Ch138 §34**

*Police officer may arrest without a warrant*

- ▷ any person under 21 who purchases or attempts to purchase alcohol;
- ▷ any person under 21 who make arrangements with any person to purchase or procure alcohol in anyway;
- ▷ any person under 21 who willfully misrepresents his/her age or falsifies identification offered as proof of age;
- ▷ whoever makes false statements as to the age of a person under 21 in order to procure alcohol.
  - Misdemeanor - Fine of \$300. 180 license suspension.

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#### **OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (UNDER 21) MGL Ch90 §24**

*Police officer may arrest without a warrant*

- ▷ Person under 21 operating a motor vehicle found to have a blood alcohol content above .08.
  - Misdemeanor - 2½ years in a house of correction, NLT \$500 NMT \$1000 – 1 year license suspension.
- ▷ Person under 21 operating a motor vehicle found to have a blood alcohol content above .02.
  - 90 license suspension - Under 18, 1 year license suspension.

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#### **DRUG OFFENSES**

*Police officer may arrest without a warrant*

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Conviction of any drug offense, whether in Massachusetts or another state, even if no motor vehicle was involved in the offense, the offender's license *will* be suspended. 1 to 5 years license suspension, depending on the conviction.