A law passed in late September has increased fines for adults who provide alcohol to minors under the age of 21. The new statute became effective on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008.

Under the measure, fines for providing alcohol to a minor have increased from $1,000 for a first offense and $1,500 for subsequent offenses to $2,500 and $5,000, respectively.

The law is targeted at people who knowingly and willingly provide alcohol to people under the 21 drinking age.