



Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy

Fake or False ID

Northern Territory *Liquor Act* amendments

The Northern Territory Parliament recently passed a number of amendments to the *Liquor Act* and one deals with the issue of minors using fake ID to purchase alcohol or enter licensed premises.

Minors and false identification

The lure of a nightclub or pub, or to drink alcohol, can be tempting for some young people who do not want to wait until they are 18. They may use false or fake ID in an attempt to do so. To address this issue, it is now an offence for:

- a minor to use a fake or false ID in an attempt to get into a pub/nightclub or to buy alcohol;
- a person to alter any ID in an attempt for them, or someone else, to appear older than they are;
- a person to create a false ID and use it, or give it to someone else to use, to get into a pub or nightclub or buy alcohol, if the person using it hasn't turned 18;
- someone to give their genuine ID to someone under the age of 18, knowing that they are going to use it to try and get into a nightclub or pub or buy alcohol;
- someone to use a fake or false ID to try and get a genuine ID, such as a Proof of Age card or drivers licence.

A fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to six months for the first offence and \$2,000 fine or imprisonment for 12 months for second and subsequent offences may apply.

Seizing false ID

If someone presents false or fake ID, staff at a licensed premises are required, by law, to keep the ID and forward it to the Director of Licensing.

When the ID is seized, the person will be given a card explaining why the ID has been seized and who to call with any questions. The venue must then forward the ID to the Director of Licensing within three days, who will decide if there are grounds for the person to be prosecuted for an offence. If the seized ID is found to be genuine, it will be returned to the holder unless it is required as evidence. Fake ID will not be returned and will be destroyed, used for training purposes or retained as evidence.

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