## UNDERAGE ALCOHOL OFFENSES AND RELATED PENALTIES (As of June 1, 2017)

| Convictions   | Fine, Forfeiture,<br>Demerit Points <sup>5</sup>  | Driver License<br>Suspension  | Supervised<br>Work Program                                  | Court Ordered<br>Stay <sup>1</sup>                          | Assessment <sup>1</sup>   |
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| Absolute Sobriety "Not a<br>Drop" Law (If under age 21)<br>[346.63 (2m)                                   | \$200 fine <sup>3</sup> [346.65(2q)]; 4<br>Demerit Points [343.32 (2)<br>(bj]   | 3 month suspension<br>[343.30(1p)]<br>Occupational – immediately  |   |   |   |
| Underage Alcohol (Procure<br>or Misrepresent Age)(age<br>17-20) [125.07(4)(a)] or<br>local ordinance      | 1st: \$250-\$500 forfeiture 2nd<br>in a year: \$300-\$500 3rd in a<br>year: \$500-\$750 4th &<br>subsequent in a year:<br>\$750-\$1,000 [125.07(4)(bs)] | 1st: 30-90 day suspension<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[125.07(4)(bs)]  | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[125.07(4)(e)2]  | Mandatory, if Court<br>orders stay of sentence<br>[125.07(4)(e)2a]  |
| Juvenile Alcohol (Procure<br>or Misrepresent Age)<br>(under 17) [125.07(4)(a)] or<br>local ordinance      | 1st: \$250-\$500 forfeiture 2nd<br>in a year: \$300-\$500 3rd &<br>subsequent in a year:<br>\$500 [938.344(2b)(a)-(c)]                                  | 1st: 30-90 day suspension<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2b)]    | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2g)(a)] | Mandatory, if Court<br>orders stay of sentence<br>[938.344(2g)(a)1] |
| Underage Alcohol<br>(Knowingly possess or<br>Consume) (age 17-20)<br>[125.07(4)(b)] or local<br>ordinance | 1st: \$100-\$200 forfeiture 2nd<br>in a year: \$200-\$300 3rd in a<br>year: \$300-\$500 4th &<br>subsequent in a year:<br>\$500-\$1,000 [125.07(4)(c)]  | 1st: 30-90 day suspension4<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)]  | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[125.07(4)(c)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[125.07(4)(e)2]  | Mandatory, if Court<br>orders stay of sentence<br>[125.07(4)(e)2a]  |
| Juvenile Alcohol (Possess<br>or Consume) (age 17-20)<br>[125.07(4)(b)] or local<br>ordinance              | 1st: Up to \$50 forfeiture 2nd in a year: Up to \$100 3rd & subsequent in a year: Up to \$500 [938.344(2)(a)-(c)]                                       | 1st: 30-90 day suspension<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2)]     | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2g)(a)] | Mandatory, if Court<br>orders stay of sentence<br>[938.344(2g)(a)1] |
| Underage False ID (Use or<br>Possess) (age 17-20)<br>[125.085(3)(b)]                                      | \$300-\$1,250 forfeiture<br>[125.085(3)(bd)]  | 30-90 day suspension<br>[343.30(6)(bm)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[125.085(3)(bd)] |   |   |
| Juvenile False ID (Use or<br>Possess) (under 17)<br>[125.085(3)(b)]                                       | 1st: \$100-\$500 forfeiture 2nd<br>in a year: \$300-\$500 3rd &<br>subsequent in a year:<br>\$500 [938.344(2d)(a)-(c)]                                  | 1st: 30-90 day suspension<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)]   | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2d)]    | Yes - Court option as<br>an alternative<br>[938.344(2g)(a)] | Mandatory, if Court orders stay of sentence [938.344(2g)(a)1]       |
| Intoxicants In Vehicle<br>(Underage persons)<br>[346.93]  | \$20-\$400 forfeiture<br>[346.93(2g)]   | 1st: 30 – 90 day suspension<br>2nd: up to 1 yr. suspension<br>3rd & subsequent: up to 2<br>yr. suspension<br>[343.30(6)(b)] |   |   |   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the defendant agrees, the court may stay enforcement of the sentence conditioned on voluntary AODA assessment and participation in a court-approved alcohol abuse education program or enrollment in a treatment program; however, the court may not stay, suspend or modify a mandatory driver's license suspension.

## COMMENTS ON PENALTIES FOR UNDERAGE ALCOHOL OFFENSES

Persons whose licenses are suspended or revoked for underage alcohol violations other than *Absolute Sobriety* are eligible for occupational licenses 15 days after the suspension or revocation begins. [343.10(2)(a)4] Those whose licenses are suspended for violating the *Absolute Sobriety* or "Not a Drop" law are eligible for occupational licenses immediately. [346.63(2m)]

Like persons aged 21 or older, underage persons are subject to the provisions of Wisconsin laws prohibiting operating/driving motor vehicles while intoxicated. These laws include impairment/intoxication resulting from the use of illegal, over the counter or prescription drugs or combinations of drugs or alcohol. It is illegal in Wisconsin to operate snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motor boats, off road motorcycles and other motor vehicles with a detectable presence of restricted controlled substances in the bloodstream or while under the influence of an intoxicant. [350.101, 23.33(4c), 23.335 (12), 30.681, 346.63]. A person is also prohibited from operating an aircraft while intoxicated. [114.09].

Underage Alcohol conviction records of juveniles (under age 17) are largely confidential. The Department of Transportation may not disclose information concerning a suspension, revocation or restriction as a result of a juvenile's underage alcohol conviction to any person other than a court, district attorney, municipal prosecuting attorney, law enforcement agency, the underage individual or his/her parents or legal guardian. [343.30(5), 343.24(3)]

SOURCE: DOT-Bureau of Transportation Safety; DOT-Office of General Counsel

<sup>2</sup> Suspension is permissive for 1st offense, but mandatory for 2nd and subsequent offenses within 12 months that involve a motor vehicle. [938.344(2b), 343.30(6)(b)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Forfeiture, costs and period of suspension are doubled if a passenger under 16 years of age was in the vehicle at the time of the offense. [343.30(1p), 346.65(2q)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If a person does not hold a valid license at the time of disposition, the suspension period begins on the date on which the person is first eligible for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of an operator's license. (343.30(6)(b),(d)]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Additional fees, assessment and surcharges will apply. [See e.g. 165.755(1), 346.655(1)]