**State Sanctioning Guidelines**. Below is a brief summary of the sanctioning guidelines for alcohol related violations of Massachusetts State law:

| Illegal Offense | Sanction | Statute |
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| Using, altering, selling or distributing false ID or driver's license | Up to $200 fine or up to 3 months' imprisonment | MA Gen Law 138 §34B |
| Transporting alcoholic beverages in a vehicle by driver under 21 years of age | Up to $50 fine for first offense; up to $150 fine for subsequent offenses AND suspension of driver's license for 90 days | MA General Law 138 §34C |
| Furnishing alcoholic beverages to another under 21 years of age | Up to $2,000 fine and/or up to 1 year imprisonment | MA General Law 138 §34 |
| Making, stealing, altering, forging or counterfeiting a driver's license or identification card or for possessing or using such a license or identification card | Fine up to $500 or up to five years in prison; immediate suspension of driver's license for up to 1 year | MA General Law 90 §24B |
| Purchasing or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages if under 21 years of age, including using a false ID | Fine of $300 and suspension of driver's license for 180 days | MA General Law 138 §34A |
| Having an "open container" of alcohol as a passenger in a vehicle | Fine of $100 up to $500 | MA General Law 90 §24I |
| Driving under the influence, if under the age of 21, is driving with a blood alcohol level of .02 as a percentage by weight of alcohol in the blood | Fines not less than $500 and up to $5,000; mandatory suspension of license for 180 days and up to 1 year and/or up to 2.5 years' imprisonment for the first offense. Subsequent offenses carry significantly higher penalties. | MA General Law 90 §24 (1)(a) and §24P |

Please note: This is not legal advice. Readers should refer to the current law or consult an attorney for more complete information.