

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

<b>Illegal Offense</b>	<b>Sanction</b>	<b>Statute</b>
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.