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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

allowing persons under 21 into veterans' clubs, private clubs, and social clubs under certain conditions.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 12; Rep. Ulery, Hills. 13; Rep. Vose, Rock. 5; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16

COMMITTEE:

Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows persons under 21 into veterans' clubs, private clubs, and social clubs if they are accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse, or if they present a valid military identification card.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 9:1 On-Premises Cocktail Lounge Licenses; Veterans' Clubs, Private Clubs, and Social Clubs;
2 Presence of Minors. Amend RSA 178:22, V(h)(2) to read as follows:

3 (2)(A) No person under the age of 18 shall be in any room where liquor, beverages, and
4 specialty beverages are sold, *unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult spouse and who*
5 *has signed the minor or minors into the club and listed their ages. A person who is under 21 years old*
6 *that presents a valid military identification card shall not need to be accompanied by a person 21 years old*
7 *or older.*

8 (B) *Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),* [except] persons under the age of [~~18~~] 21
9 shall be allowed in rentable rooms approved by the commission when beverages, specialty beverages,
10 and liquor are served without a parent or guardian present at such times the club is using a supplemental
11 license.

9:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: March 27, 2026
Effective Date: May 26, 2026