

(ii) are participants in a religious ceremony.

(2) The prohibition set forth in subsection (b) of this section does not apply if the adult allowing the possession or consumption of the alcoholic beverage and the individual under the age of 21 years who possesses or consumes the alcoholic beverage:

(i) are members of the same immediate family, and the alcoholic beverage is possessed and consumed in a private residence, or within the curtilage of the residence, of the adult; or

(ii) are participants in a religious ceremony.

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(h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the District Court finds that a person has committed a Code violation, the court shall require the person to pay:

(i) a fine not exceeding \$500; or

(ii) if the violation is a subsequent violation, a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) If the District Court finds that a person has committed a Code violation under § 10-117 of this subtitle, the court shall require the person to pay:

(i) a fine not exceeding [~~\$1,000~~] \$2,500; or

(ii) if the violation is a subsequent violation, a fine not exceeding [~~\$1,500~~] \$5,000.

(3) The Chief Judge of the District Court may not establish a schedule for the prepayment of fines.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.