

STATUTORY OFFENCES

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO

A MINOR IS A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21, A JUVENILE IS A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 17.

POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO BY A MINOR OR JUVENILE IS CLASSIFIED AS A "STATUS OFFENSE."

A STATUS OFFENSE IS AN ACTION THAT IS PROHIBITED BECAUSE OF AGE.

UPON ANY FINDING OF GUILT BY THE COURT, THE COURT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE MINOR OR JUVENILE PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AND UNDERTAKE AN ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO CLASS.

IN SOME CASES, THE JUDGE MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ORDER A DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION UP TO 180 DAYS AND A FINE OF UP TO \$500.

SHOULD A MINOR OR JUVENILE RECEIVE A CONVICTION UNDER A STATUTORY OFFENSE, THEY MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXPUNCTION ONCE THEY TURN 21 YEARS OF AGE*.

*EXCEPTIONS MAY APPLY