

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2023**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Section 11999 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drugs and alcohol programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2023, as introduced, Jones. Drug and alcohol programs.

Existing law makes findings and declarations about the use of illegal drugs and the consumption of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age. It is the intent of the Legislature that the messages and information provided by the drug and alcohol programs promote no unlawful use of any drug or alcohol.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 11999 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 11999. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) The Legislature has established various drug- and
- 5 alcohol-related programs—~~which~~ *that* provide for education,
- 6 prevention, intervention, treatment, or enforcement.
- 7 (b) The Legislature has classified certain substances as
- 8 controlled substances and has defined the lawful and unlawful use

1 of controlled substances, which are commonly referred to as, but  
2 not limited to, anabolic steroids, marijuana, and cocaine.

3 (c) The Legislature has classified certain substances as imitation  
4 controlled substances, which are commonly referred to as, but not  
5 limited to, designer drugs.

6 (d) The Legislature has determined that the possession with  
7 the intent to be under the influence, or being under the influence  
8 of toluene, or ~~any~~ a substance or material containing toluene, or  
9 ~~any~~ a substance with similar toxic qualities, is unlawful. Some  
10 substances or materials containing toluene, or substances with  
11 similar toxic qualities, are commonly referred to, but not limited  
12 to, inhalants such as cement, glue, and paint thinner.

13 (e) The Legislature has determined that the purchase,  
14 possession, or use of alcohol by persons under 21 years of age is  
15 unlawful.

16 (f) Public and private agencies that provide information  
17 pertaining to the drug- and alcohol-related programs provide mixed  
18 messages and misinformation relating to the unlawful use of drugs  
19 and alcohol. It is the intent of the Legislature that the messages  
20 and information provided by the drug and alcohol programs  
21 promote no unlawful use of any ~~drugs~~ drug or alcohol. Mixed  
22 messages mean communications discussing how to use or when  
23 to use unlawful drugs or alcohol.

24 (g) ~~Any material~~, *Material*, curricula, teachings, or promotion  
25 of responsible use, if the use is unlawful, of drugs or alcohol is  
26 inconsistent with the law.

27 (h) The “no unlawful use” message applies to all drug and  
28 alcohol programs for the people of the State of California. These  
29 materials are to teach and promote that ~~any~~ unlawful use of drugs  
30 and alcohol is illegal and dangerous.