

Tough Penalties For Giving Alcohol to Minors

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North Carolinians who provide alcohol to people too young to drink legally could see their drivers' licenses suspended under legislation heard by a House committee.

The family of a Raleigh teen killed in a drunk driving accident made an emotional appeal on the bill's behalf. The parents of Steven George said taking away driving privileges would mean more to young adults who provide alcohol to their underage friends than the current penalty of community service. Steven George was one of four teenagers killed just over a year ago when their car sped off a highway ramp on the eastern outskirts of Raleigh. Investigators said the driver's blood-alcohol level was close to three times the legal limit for adult drivers.