

Private Stores Prevent Alcohol Sales to Minors Just as Well as State Run Stores

DON'T BELIEVE IT!

Those wanting to privatize Pa.'s Wine and Spirits stores say private owners prevent alcohol sales to minors as well as state run stores. Here are the FACTS:

- State police have documented just **two instances in the past seven years** of wine and spirits store employees selling alcohol to minors.
- A 2011 television news undercover investigation with state police revealed minors able to buy beer from private sellers in **two instances out of six attempts in one night**.
- A state Health Department sting operation in 2002 found minors able to buy cigarettes from private outlets 21% of the time—535 out of 2,548 tries.

Young People Drink Less and Roads Are Safer in States Which Keep Control of Alcohol Sales

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Here are the FACTS:

- Pa. has the nation's 7th lowest rate of youth drinking and binge drinking.
- 14.5% fewer high school students reported drinking and 16.7% fewer reported binge drinking in states which kept control of alcohol sales.
- Lower consumption rates are associated with a 9.3% lower alcohol-impaired driving death rate in states which kept control of alcohol sales.
- A study of Virginia's plan to privatize alcohol sales predicted an additional 220 traffic deaths annually

GET THE FACTS! DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!