

House Bill HB 961

Local Government - Lemonade Stands - Prohibition on
Regulation by Local Law

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LEMONADE

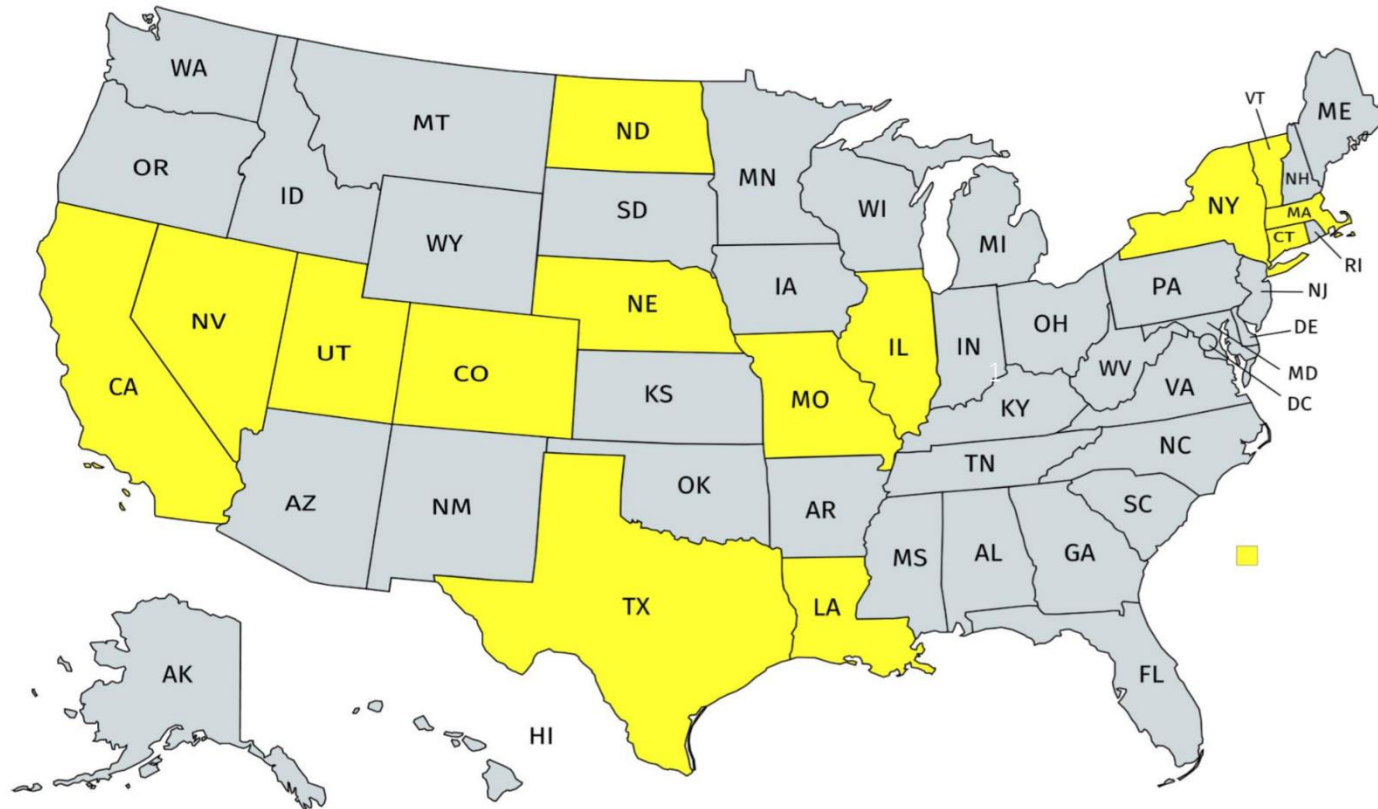


What this bill does:

If enacted, House Bill 961 would prohibit a municipality, a county, or any other political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a local law prohibiting or regulating the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 18 from a stand on private property.



States That Do Not Require A Permit For Children's Lemonade Stands



Just this week, the Indiana State House unanimously passed a similar bill to stop regulation for children's lemonade stands.

It's time for Maryland to be the next state to pass this common-sense legislation to let our children build entrepreneurial skills without red tape.

https://www.newsandtribune.com/cnhi_network/indiana-house-bill-takes-a-stand-for-kids-and-lemonade/article_989df802-7170-11eb-b2e8-e35906c7a860.html

Why this bill is needed:

In 2011, a group of young children from the D.C. metropolitan area set up a lemonade stand outside the U.S. Open Golf Tournament

They were partaking in an American tradition that has long been part of our nation's culture.

Ultimately, their stand was shut down by the Montgomery County government for operating without a license. The Children were issued a fine for \$500.

Although the County later waived the fine, they would have been within their "legal" rights to even imprison the children.¹ This could have been a disaster.

Fear of fines and imprisonment shuts down and discourages young entrepreneurs.

House Bill 961 guarantees that an American Tradition is protected, and that no children are fined or imprisoned for an innocent activity.

1. Md. Code Ann., Health-Gen. s. 21-1214.

**The kids & their
illegal stand**



Potomac
77°

Michael & Son
SERVICES

8 PM

76°

11 PM

70°

6 AM

67°

5:08

78°

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