

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §60-3-22

## **§60-3-22. Sales to certain persons prohibited.**

(a) Alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer as defined in section three, article sixteen, chapter eleven of this code shall not be sold to a person who is:

- (1) Less than twenty-one years of age;
- (2) An habitual drunkard;
- (3) Intoxicated;
- (4) Addicted to the use of any controlled substance as defined by any of the provisions of chapter sixty-a of this code; or

(5) Mentally incompetent.

(b) It shall be a defense to a violation of subdivision (1), subsection (a) of this section if the seller shows that the purchaser:

- (1) Produced written evidence which showed his or her age to be at least the required age for purchase and which bore a physical description of the person named on the writing which reasonably described the purchaser; or
- (2) Produced evidence of other facts that reasonably indicated at the time of sale that the purchaser was at least the required age.