Powdered alcohol.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Landen, Anderson, J.D. (SD02), Barnard, Christensen and Peterson and Representative(s) Burkhart and Krone

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages; prohibiting use, purchase, sale, solicitation and possession of powdered alcohol as specified; providing penalties; providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 12-10-102 is created to read:

12-10-102. Powdered alcohol; prohibition; penalties; exceptions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to use, offer for use, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell or possess powdered alcohol.
(b) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be punished as follows:

   (i) For a first offense, by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars ($300.00), imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both;

   (ii) For any subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

(c) As used in this section, "powdered alcohol" means ethyl alcohol prepared or sold in a powder or crystalline form for either direct use or reconstitution.

(d) This section does not apply to the use of powdered alcohol for legal commercial uses or bona fide research purposes by:

   (i) A health care provider who uses powdered alcohol for the purpose of conducting scientific research;
(ii) A state institution;

(iii) The University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community college or a private college or university; or

(iv) A pharmaceutical or biotechnology company.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.