

# *Campaign for Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery*

## **Preserve the Sales Tax on Alcohol Purchased in Stores**

**According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's  
2007 Health and Risk Behaviors of Massachusetts Youth Survey**

- 73% of all high school students consumed alcohol
- 28% binge drank alcohol (5 or more drinks in one session), and
- 20% began drinking prior to the age of 13.

**The risk of developing a lifelong drinking problem is greatest  
when a person starts drinking before age 15!**

**Research demonstrates that taxing alcohol produces the following public health benefits.  
Decreases in:**

- Frequency and quantity of drinking among teens
- Incidence of automobile crash fatalities
- Spread of sexually transmitted diseases
- Onset of liver cirrhosis and mortality from alcohol-related diseases

**Taxing alcohol is among the most effective deterrents  
to underage binge drinking that researchers have discovered!**

Research also demonstrates that an alcohol sales tax has minimal financial impact on the general public since most adults do not drink or consume only modest amounts. Alcoholics and young people constitute the heaviest users and are most impacted by taxes.

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