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## **ABC Finishes “*Operation Save A Teen*” Campaign**

### *542 Citations Written for Alcoholic Beverage Law Violations During May*

(Sacramento) - The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) reports 542 citations after concluding *Operation Save A Teen*, a nationwide effort to reduce teen drinking and save lives. The nationwide initiative was organized by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA).

Working with local law enforcement agencies throughout California during the month of May, ABC reports 272 minors were cited for possession or consumption of alcohol, 128 persons were cited for selling alcohol to minors, and 142 adults were cited for purchasing alcohol for persons under the age of 21.

Investigators also seized 81 false identifications and over 930 alcoholic beverages from minors who were in possession of alcohol.

During the month long effort, law enforcement utilized underage decoys to approach 1218 individuals in an attempt to buy alcohol for minors, most of those who were approached said no. Authorities also visited nearly 1400 ABC licensed premises to check for compliance with alcoholic beverage laws.

“I am very pleased with the results of this campaign,” said ABC Director Steve Hardy. “We’ll keep pushing forward with enforcement, education and prevention efforts to keep California’s youth safe and healthy.”

For more information about *Operation Save A Teen* and the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association, go to the website at [www.nllea.org](http://www.nllea.org) or contact Elizabeth Mattfeld, Executive Director at 240-483-8922, or at [bmattfeld@nllea.org](mailto:bmattfeld@nllea.org).

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