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Unlocking the Age Barrier: The Legal Drinking Age Explained

Short Answer Key

1. Congress passed the Act to address growing concerns about alcohol-related accidents and deaths among young people, aiming to reduce these risks.
2. Positive effects include reducing alcohol-related traffic accidents among young adults, lowering rates of alcohol dependence, and protecting the health of young people by delaying the onset of drinking.
3. Yes, there are variations in the legal drinking age in some states. Individuals under 21 can sometimes consume alcohol for religious purposes or when accompanied by a parent or guardian.
4. Businesses that sell alcohol, such as bars and liquor stores, are responsible for checking IDs to ensure customers are of legal drinking age.
5. Underage drinking can lead to legal trouble, harm to physical and mental health, and negatively impact school performance.

