

House Bill 1331

By: Representatives Amerson of the 7th, Pinholster of the 15th, Forster of the 3rd, Joyce of the 1st, Snow of the 2nd and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
2 authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, so as to authorize
3 counties and municipalities in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for
4 consumption on the premises to permit and regulate the Sunday sale of malt beverages and
5 wine for consumption on the premises in certain licensed establishments if approved by
6 referendum; to provide for the ballot question; to provide for the validity of certain
7 resolutions or ordinances enacted pursuant to authorizations granted by other subsections of
8 such Code section; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local authorization
12 and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, is amended by inserting a new
13 subsection to be designated subsection (p) to read as follows:

14 "(p)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in all counties or municipalities in
15 which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the
16 governing authority of the county or municipality may, by resolution or ordinance
17 conditioned on approval in a referendum, authorize the sale of malt beverages and wine
18 for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight in
19 any licensed establishment which derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross sales
20 from the sale of prepared meals or food in all of the combined retail outlets of the
21 individual establishment where food is served and in any licensed establishment which
22 derives at least 50 percent of its total annual gross income from the rental of rooms for
23 overnight lodging.

24 (2) Any governing authority desiring to permit and regulate Sunday sales pursuant to this
25 subsection, but only after a referendum election, shall so provide by proper resolution or
26 ordinance conditioned on a referendum. Not less than ten nor more than 60 days after the

