

House Bill 1433

By: Representative Amerson of the 7<sup>th</sup>

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 provide that the provisions of this Act are cumulative; to repeal  
9 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

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

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

