

House Bill 1702

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to prohibited acts relating to alcohol, so as to provide that the owner or operator of  
3 a parking lot or facility located within 500 feet of an establishment which sells alcohol for  
4 consumption on the premises may not tow or immobilize or cause to be towed or  
5 immobilized a vehicle left on the lot between midnight and noon; to provide that such person  
6 may charge a penalty; to provide a penalty; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
7 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
11 prohibited acts relating to alcohol, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

12 "3-3-33.

13 (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of a parking lot or facility located within  
14 500 feet of an establishment which serves alcoholic beverages for consumption on the  
15 premises to remove, tow, or immobilize or cause to be removed, towed, or immobilized  
16 a motor vehicle left in such lot between midnight and noon of the following day. Nothing  
17 in this Code section shall prohibit a parking lot owner from charging a penalty not to  
18 exceed \$25.00 in excess of normal parking fees for vehicles which remain on the property  
19 during such period without authorization.

20 (b) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this Code section shall be  
21 guilty of a misdemeanor."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
24 without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.