

The House Committee on Regulated Beverages offers the following substitute to HB 224:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages,
2 so as to redefine the term "malt beverage"; to provide for related matters; to repeal
3 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

5 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
6 amended by striking paragraph (13) of Code Section 3-1-2, relating to definitions, and
7 inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (13) to read as follows:
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9 "(13) 'Malt beverage' means a standard malt beverage or a strong malt beverage defined
10 as follows:

11 (A) 'Standard malt beverage' means any alcoholic malt beverage obtained by the
12 fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar
13 product, or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than 6
14 percent alcohol by volume and including ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, small
15 beer, and strong beer. The term does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

16 (B) 'Strong malt beverage' means any malt beverage containing not more than 14
17 percent alcohol by volume for Belgian strong ale, French strong ale, English strong ale,
18 Scottish strong ale, imperial stout, bock, and barley wine beer. The term does not
19 include sake, known as Japanese rice wine."

SECTION 2.

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.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