

House Bill 645 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Benfield of the 56th, Post 1, Ehrhart of the 28th, Graves of the 106th, Chambers of the 53rd, Moraitakis of the 42nd, Post 4, and others

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 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

4 style="text-align:center">**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:

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

13 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.