

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following substitute to HB 1501:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to regulation of alcoholic beverages in general, so as to provide certain limits for  
3 fines imposed for violations of local alcoholic beverage ordinances; to provide for an  
4 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 regulation of alcoholic beverages in general, is amended by adding new Code Section 3-3-2.2  
9 to read as follows:

10 "3-3-2.2.

11 Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by subparagraph (a)(2)(C) of Code Section  
12 36-35-6 or any other provision of general law, the maximum fine for violations of local  
13 alcoholic beverages licensing ordinances referenced in Code Section 3-3-2 pertaining to  
14 licenses issued to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on the premises  
15 shall be \$2,500.00. Nothing in this Code section shall prohibit the governing authority of  
16 a county or municipality from imposing a penalty that is otherwise allowed by law, unless  
17 such law is a local law in conflict with this Code section."

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

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

20 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 3.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.