

Senate Bill 335

By: Senators Murphy of the 27th, Staton of the 18th, Harp of the 29th, Stoner of the 6th,
Grant of the 25th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 3-3-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales
2 of alcoholic beverages near churches, school buildings, or other sites, so as to provide that
3 counties and municipalities with approval of the local housing authority board of
4 commissioners may by resolution or ordinance provide an exception from the prohibition
5 against the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises within 100 yards of
6 any housing authority property; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 3-3-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sales of alcoholic
11 beverages near churches, school buildings, or other sites, is amended by revising
12 subsection (e) as follows:

13 "(e)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'housing authority property' means any
14 property containing 300 housing units or fewer owned or operated by a housing authority
15 created by Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 8, the 'Housing Authorities Law.'

16 (2) No person knowingly and intentionally may sell any alcoholic beverages for
17 consumption on the premises within 100 yards of any housing authority property;
18 provided, however, that counties and municipalities in consultation with the local housing
19 authority board of commissioners are authorized by resolution or ordinance to exempt
20 such counties and municipalities from the application of this subsection and provide for
21 such sales. This subsection shall not apply at any location for which a license has been
22 issued prior to July 1, 2000, nor to the renewal of such license. Nor shall this subsection
23 apply at any location for which a new license is applied for if the sale of alcoholic
24 beverages for consumption on the premises was lawful at such location at any time during
25 the 12 months immediately preceding such application."

26 **SECTION 2.**

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

29 **SECTION 3.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.