

Senate Bill 124

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 regulation of alcoholic beverages generally, so as to prohibit sales within a certain distance
3 of a church building; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

7 Chapter 3 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of
8 alcoholic beverages generally, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 3-3-21,
9 relating to sales of alcoholic beverages near churches, school buildings, or other sites, as
10 follows:

11 "(a)(1) No person knowingly and intentionally may sell or offer to sell:

12 (A) Any distilled spirits in or within ~~100 yards~~ 300 feet of any church building or
13 within ~~200 yards~~ 600 feet of any school building, educational building, school grounds,
14 or college campus;

15 (B) Any wine or malt beverages within ~~100 yards~~ 300 feet of any school building,
16 school grounds, or college campus. This subparagraph shall not apply at any location
17 for which a license has been issued prior to July 1, 1981, nor to the renewal of such
18 license. Nor shall this subparagraph apply at any location for which a new license is
19 applied for if the sale of wine and beer was lawful at such location at any time during
20 the 12 months immediately preceding such application;

21 (C) Any distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages within ~~100 yards~~ 300 feet of an
22 alcoholic treatment center owned and operated by this state or any county or municipal
23 government therein. This paragraph shall not apply to any business having a license
24 in effect on July 1, 1981; or

25 (D) Any wine or malt beverages within 300 feet of any church building.

26 (2) As used in this subsection, the term 'school building' or 'educational building' shall
27 apply only to state, county, city, or church school buildings and to such buildings at such
28 other schools in which are taught subjects commonly taught in the common schools and
29 colleges of this state and which are public schools or private schools as defined in
30 subsection (b) of Code Section 20-2-690."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.