

Senate Bill 222

By: Senators Staton of the 18th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowser of the 46th and Goggans of the 7th

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 authorize wine tastings under certain conditions; to provide for related matters; to
3 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

6 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
7 amended by revising Code Section 3-3-26, relating to allowing or permitting of breaking of
8 packages or drinking of contents thereof on premises, as follows:

9 "3-3-26.

10 (a) No retail dealer shall knowingly and intentionally allow or permit the breaking of any
11 package or packages containing alcoholic beverages on the premises where sold or allow
12 or permit the drinking of the contents of such package or packages on the premises where
13 sold.

14 (b) This Code section shall not apply ~~with respect~~ to sales pursuant to a license for
15 consumption on the premises.

16 (c)(1) A retail dealer shall be authorized to conduct wine tasting events on such dealer's
17 premises in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

18 (2) A wine tasting event held pursuant to this subsection shall comply with the
19 following:

20 (A) The event shall continue for no more than six hours, no more than six wines shall
21 be offered at a single event, and not more than two ounces of any single wine and no
22 more than a total of eight ounces of various wines shall be dispensed to a customer;

23 (B) No more than eight customers may be served at one time;

24 (C) The event shall be conducted totally within an area that is clearly cordoned off by
25 barriers that extend no further than ten feet from the point of service, and a sign that

26 clearly states that no one under the age of 21 may participate in the tasting shall be
27 placed in a visible location at the entrance to the tasting area;
28 (D) An accurate accounting of the wine consumed at a tasting event shall be
29 maintained; and
30 (E) The retail dealer shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws under
31 this title.
32 (3) A retail dealer shall not conduct more than 48 wine tastings each year and not more
33 than five tastings per week."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.