

House Bill 472

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 3-5-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 brewpub exception to the three-tier distribution system, so as to amend the terms and
3 conditions that exist for owners and operators of brewpubs; to increase the maximum
4 quantity of barrels of beer that may be manufactured and sold; to remove that requirement
5 that beer be sold solely in draft form; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 3-5-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the brewpub
10 exception to the three-tier distribution system, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as
11 follows:

12 "(2) A brewpub license authorizes the holder of such license to:

13 (A) Manufacture on the licensed premises not more than ~~5,000~~ 10,000 barrels of beer
14 in a calendar year solely for retail sale on the premises ~~and solely in draft form;~~

15 (B) Operate an eating establishment that shall be the sole retail outlet for such beer and
16 may offer for sale any other alcoholic beverages produced by other manufacturers
17 which are authorized for retail sale under this title, including wine, distilled spirits, and
18 malt beverages, provided that such alcoholic beverages are purchased from a licensed
19 wholesaler for consumption on the premises only; and, provided, further, that in
20 addition to draft beer manufactured on the premises, each brewpub licensee shall offer
21 for sale commercially available canned or bottled malt beverages from licensed
22 wholesalers; and

23 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, sell up to a maximum of
24 ~~500~~ 5,000 barrels annually of such beer to licensed wholesale dealers for distribution
25 to retailers and retail consumption dealers;"

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.