

House Bill 867

By: Representatives Peake of the 137th, Taylor of the 79th, Shaw of the 176th, Ramsey of the 72nd, and Holmes of the 125th

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 the breaking and consumption of packages of wine on the premises for the
3 purpose of conducting wine tastings pursuant to a local ordinance; to provide for related
4 matters; 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 Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages, is
8 amended by revising Code Section 3-3-26, relating to allowing or permitting of breaking of
9 packages or drinking of contents thereof on premises, as follows:

10 "3-3-26.

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

15 (b) This Code section shall not apply ~~with respect~~ to sales pursuant to a license for
16 consumption on the premises or to any package or packages of wine broken for the purpose
17 of conducting a wine tasting permitted pursuant to local ordinance."

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

19 Said title is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 3-4-25, relating to
20 retail dealers to sell only unbroken packages, as follows:

21 "(b) The license shall not permit the breaking of the package or packages of on the
22 premises where sold and shall not permit the drinking of the contents of the package or
23 packages on the premises where sold; provided, however, that this subsection shall not
24 apply to any package or packages of wine when conducting a wine tasting permitted
25 pursuant to local ordinance."

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SECTION 3.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.