

House Bill 943

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to state license requirements and regulations for manufacture, distribution, and
3 package sales, so as to change the number of retail dealer licenses that a person may hold or
4 have a beneficial interest in; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state
9 license requirements and regulations for manufacture, distribution, and package sales, is
10 amended by revising Code Section 3-4-21, relating to prohibition of holding or having
11 beneficial interest in more than two retail dealer licenses, as follows:

12 "3-4-21.

13 (a) No person shall be issued more than ~~two~~ ten retail dealer licenses, nor shall any person
14 be permitted to have a beneficial interest in more than ~~two~~ ten retail dealer licenses issued
15 under this chapter, regardless of the degree of such interest.

16 (b) For purposes of this Code section:

17 (1) The term 'person' shall include all members of a retail dealer licensee's family; and
18 the term 'family' shall include any person related to the holder of the license within the
19 first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the canon law.

20 (2) The beneficiaries of a trust shall be considered to have a beneficial interest in any
21 business forming a part of the trust estate.

22 (c) Nothing contained in this Code section shall prohibit the reissuance of a valid retail
23 dealer license if the license has been:

24 (1) Held prior to the creation of any of the above relationships by marriage; or

25 (2) Held prior to April 3, 1978."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.