

House Bill 784

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Bryant of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, Watson of the 166th, Stephens of the 165th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local
2 authorization and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, so as to allow for
3 local authorization and regulation of the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the
4 premises on Sundays during the St. Patrick's Day holiday period; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local authorization
9 and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, is amended by adding a new
10 subsection to read as follows:

11 "(r) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in all counties or municipalities in which
12 the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the governing
13 authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a resolution or
14 ordinance authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises from
15 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight on any Sunday which occurs during the St. Patrick's Day
16 holiday period. Any sales for consumption on the premises made pursuant to this
17 subsection shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be required by the
18 governing authority of the county or municipality. As used in this subsection, the term 'St.
19 Patrick's Day holiday period' means March 16 through March 18 of each year."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
22 without such approval.

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.