

Senate Bill 318

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Henson of the 41st and Sims of the 12th

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 celebration of St. Patrick's Day and other spirited holidays;
5 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "(r)(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in all counties or municipalities in
13 which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the
14 governing authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a
15 resolution or ordinance authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the
16 premises from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight on any Sunday on which any spirited
17 holiday falls. Any sales for consumption on the premises made pursuant to this
18 subsection shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be required by the
19 governing authority of the county or municipality.

20 (2) As used in this subsection, the term:

21 (A) 'Fourth of July holiday' means July 4 through July 6 of each year.

22 (B) 'Labor Day holiday' means the day before the first Monday in September of each
23 year.

24 (C) 'Memorial Day holiday' means the day before the last Monday in May of each year.

25 (D) 'Spirited holiday' shall include the Fourth of July holiday, the Labor Day holiday,
26 the Memorial Day holiday, and the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

27 (E) 'St. Patrick's Day holiday' means March 16 through March 18 of each year."

28 **SECTION 2.**

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

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.