

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 of the Sunday
17 immediately preceding St. Patrick’s Day when St. Patrick’s Day falls on a Monday. Any
18 sales for consumption on the premises made pursuant to this subsection shall be subject
19 to such terms and conditions as may be required by the governing authority of the county
20 or municipality.”

21 SECTION 2.

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

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SECTION 3.

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.