

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

AS PASSED SENATE

**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:**

SECTION 1.

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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
12 which the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the
13 governing authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a
14 resolution or ordinance authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the
15 premises from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight on any Sunday which occurs during the
16 St. Patrick's Day holiday period. Any sales for consumption on the premises made
17 pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be
18 required by the governing authority of the county or municipality. As used in this
19 subsection, the term 'St. Patrick's Day holiday period' means March 16 through March
20 18 of each year."

SECTION 2.

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

24 **SECTION 3.**
25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.