

House Bill 535

By: Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 32nd, Kaiser of the 59th, Frye of the 118th, Peake of the 141st, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alcoholic beverages,
2 so as to provide that governing authorities of counties and municipalities in which the sale
3 of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is lawful may authorize sales of such
4 alcoholic beverages during a certain time on Sundays; to change the time on Sunday during
5 which farm wineries may sell certain wine for consumption on the premises; to provide for
6 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "(s) Notwithstanding other laws, in all counties or municipalities in which the sale of
13 alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the governing authority of
14 the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a resolution or ordinance
15 authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on Sundays from
16 10:30 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 3-6-21.2, relating to Sunday sales on
19 farm wineries, off-site sales, and sales in special entertainment districts, as follows:

20 "3-6-21.2.

21 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title to the contrary, in all counties in which
22 the sale of wine is lawful by a farm winery and in all municipalities in which the sale of
23 wine is lawful by a farm winery, a farm winery which is licensed to sell its wine in a tasting
24 room or other licensed farm winery facility within the county or municipality, as the case
25 may be, ~~for consumption on the premises or in closed packages for consumption off the~~

26 ~~premises~~ shall be authorized to sell its wine and the wine of any other Georgia farm winery
27 licensee ~~on Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight in the~~ in a tasting room or other
28 licensed farm winery facility for consumption on the premises on Sundays from 10:30
29 A.M. until 12:00 Midnight or in closed packages for consumption off the premises on
30 Sundays from 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight, to the same extent as its county or
31 municipal license would otherwise permit. Nothing in this Code section shall be construed
32 so as to authorize a farm winery to sell wine as provided in this Code section on any other
33 premises which are not actually located on the property where such farm wine is produced,
34 except in special entertainment districts designated by the local governing authority of the
35 county or municipality, as applicable."

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SECTION 3.

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