

House Bill 1229

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Carpenter of the 4th, Washburn of the 144th, DeLoach of the 167th, McDonald III of the 26th, 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 authorize a local governing authority to allow certain museums within its jurisdiction
3 to sell alcoholic beverages at the same times on Sundays as other retailers; to provide for a
4 definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "(t)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'museum' means an institution open to the
12 public in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and
13 exhibited.

14 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in any county or municipality in which
15 the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises has been authorized on
16 Sundays pursuant to a referendum held under this Code section, the governing authority

17 of such county or municipality may by adoption of a resolution or an ordinance authorize
18 the sale of alcoholic beverages by any museum located primarily in a building or district
19 on the Georgia Register of Historic Places, and which is licensed for the sale of alcoholic
20 beverages for consumption on the premises at all times that sales of alcoholic beverages
21 by any other retailers are lawful on Sundays within the unincorporated area of such
22 county or within the corporate limits of such municipality."

23 **SECTION 2.**

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

26 **SECTION 3.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.