

House Bill 340 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Bryant of the 162nd, and Gordon of the 163rd

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 change
3 certain provisions relating to such sales on Sunday during the St. Patrick's Day holiday
4 period; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 3-3-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local authorization
8 and regulation of sales of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, is amended by revising subsection
9 (r) as follows:

10 "(r) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, in all counties or municipalities in which
11 the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful for consumption on the premises, the governing
12 authority of the county or municipality, as appropriate, may by adoption of a resolution or
13 ordinance authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises from
14 12:30 P.M. until 12:00 Midnight on any Sunday which occurs during the St. Patrick's Day
15 holiday period. Any sales for consumption on the premises made pursuant to this
16 subsection shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be required by the
17 governing authority of the county or municipality. As used in this subsection, the term 'St.
18 Patrick's Day holiday period' means ~~March 16 through March 18 of each year~~ an annual
19 period of consecutive calendar days, not exceeding five days, which shall include March
20 17 as part of such period, as specified in a resolution or ordinance adopted pursuant to this
21 subsection."

22 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

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

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SECTION 3.

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.